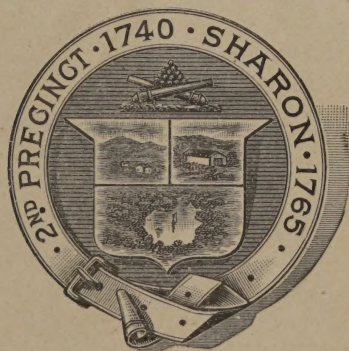


THE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
OF THE  
**Town of Sharon**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

TO WHICH IS ADDED THE  
REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, TRUSTEES OF  
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL  
FUND, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND  
WATER COMMISSIONERS.

ALSO THE  
**Annual Report of the School Committee**  
OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1896.



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# TOWN GOVERNMENT, 1896.

## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

OLIVER H. GREEN,

BENJAMIN GANNETT,

CHARLES M. SMITH.

### *Treasurer.*

• SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS.

### *Town Clerk.*

GEORGE H. WHITEMORE,

### *Road Commissioners.*

FRED H. BAKER,	Term expires 1897
WARREN JOHNSON,	“ “ 1898
D. WEBSTER PETTEE,	“ “ 1899

### *Water Commissioners.*

ALBERT D. HOLMES,	Term expires 1897
D. WEBSTER PETTEE,	“ “ 1898
OLIVER H. GREEN,	“ “ 1899

### *Tax Collector.*

SILAS POOLE.

### *School Committee.*

ARTHUR D. COLBURN,	Term expires 1897
EMMA A. BAKER,	“ “ 1897
HENRY L. NARAMORE,	“ “ 1898
DORA M. LEONARD,	“ “ 1898
HORACE S. SHEPARD,	“ “ 1899
SILAS POOLE,	“ “ 1899

### *Superintendent of Schools.*

EDWARD P. FITTS.

### *Trustees of the Public Library.*

W. OSCAR ARNOLD,	Term expires 1897
H. ALBERTA FELT,	“ “ 1897
ELMER E. NARAMORE, (resigned)	“ “ 1898
MARY L. HIXSON,	“ “ 1898
SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS,	“ “ 1899
MARY ELLA HIXSON,	“ “ 1899
GEORGE H. MANN, (elected to vacancy)	“ “ 1897



*Trustees of Sharon Friend School Fund.*

D. WEBSTER PETTEE,

JOHN A. BOWMAN,

B. FRANK RHOADES,

EDWARD J. FULLER,

GEORGE R. MANN.

*Trustees of Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund.*

JOSEPH GODDARD,

GEORGE A. DENNETT.

*Auditors.*

WILLIAM R. MANN,

FRED D. LONG.

*Board of Health.*

GEORGE M. COOLIDGE, . . . . . Term expires 1897

LEWIS W. MORSE, (deceased) . . . . . " " 1898

HENRY F. MAXWELL, . . . . . " " 1899

*Registrars of Voters.*

WILLIAM R. SNOW, . . . . . Term expires 1897

C. AUGUSTUS HIXSON, . . . . . " " 1898

EDGAR F. DRAKE, . . . . . " " 1899

GEORGE H. WHITTEMORE, Clerk.

*Superintendent of Town Scales.*

D. WEBSTER PETTEE.

*Inspector of Animals and Provisions.*

A. W. DRAPER, of Foxboro'.

*Fire Department.*

Engineers :

FRED L. HOLBROOK, Chief,

WALTER H. DELANO,

GEORGE H. MANN, Clerk.

*Constables.*

CHARLES S. CURTIS,

HENRY A. BOYDEN, (resigned)

EDGAR M. HIXSON.

*Furors Drawn 1896.*

BENJAMIN RAYNOLDS, . . . . . Grand Jury.

Traverse :

SAMUEL T. LEONARD, . . . . . Supreme Court.

CALVIN G. COGGINS, . . . . . Superior Court, Crim. Term.

OLIVER E. CHAPMAN, . . . . . " " " "

OTIS E. HARWOOD, . . . . . " " " "

WILLIAM R. SNOW, . . . . . Civil " "

ARTHUR D. COLBURN, . . . . . " " " "

B. FRANK RHOADES, . . . . . " " " "

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriated June 15, 1895.

Glendale Road,	\$100 00	
Summit Avenue,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$225 00

Appropriated August 2, 1895.

Centre School Sanitary,	107 00
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Appropriated November 9, 1895.

Chestnut Street,	\$100 00	
Land Damages on Same,	250 00	
School Repairs and Incidentals,	100 00	
	<hr/>	450 00

## APPROPRIATIONS ANNUAL MEETING, March 2, 1896.

Department, Schools, Salaries etc.,	\$3,600 00
“ Text Books and Supplies,	450 00
“ Repairs and Incidentals,	400 00
“ Superintendent,	180 00
“ Water Fountains and Hydrants,	1,640 00
“ “ Bond due Oct. 1,	1,000 00
“ Highways, Townways, Bridges,	2,600 00
“ South Main Street,	1,500 00
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,200 00
“ Poor,	900 00
“ Interest,	900 00
“ Salaries Town Officers,	900 00
“ Glendale Road,	750 00
“ Sidewalks,	400 00
“ Firemen's Pay-roll,	300 00
“ “ Incidentals,	100 00
“ Fire Alarm,	125 00
“ “ Extension,	300 00
“ Walnut Street,	300 00
“ Street Lighting,	300 00
“ Almshouse Repairs,	150 00
“ Town House and Grounds,	100 00
“ Military Aid,	60 00

"	Memorial Day,	\$50 00	
"	Town Clock,	25 00	
"	School House Debt,	1,000 00	
Overlays,		91 89	
State Tax,		1,137 50	
County Tax,		1,166 61	
		<hr/>	\$22,408 00
	Less Corporation and Bank Tax,		2,366 58
			<hr/>
	Whole Amount Raised by the Tax 1896,		\$20,041 42

### TOWN OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT.

#### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Silas A. Stone, services to March 2, 1896,	\$33 33
Dexter Packard, " " "	33 33
Oliver H. Green, " one year,	200 00
Benj. Gannett, " from Mar. 2 to	
Dec. 31,	166 67
Chas. M. Smith, services from Mar. 2 to	
Dec. 31,	166 67

#### TOWN CLERK,

Geo. H. Whittemore, services one year,	75 00
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#### TOWN TREASURER.

S. W. Billings,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$825 00

### TOWN HOUSE AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Paid Otis E. Harward, services as janitor		
1 year,	\$120 00	
Repairs on town flag,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$121 50
Long Bros., oil and supplies,		7 21
Gilbert & Barker, gasoline		29 75
J. K. Christopher, repairs,		7 84
H. F. Leonard, carting coal to town		
house,	\$8 64	
H. F. Leonard, freight and carting sun-		
dries, as by bill,	2 92	
	<hr/>	11 56



A. J. Wilkinson & Co., 200 ft. rope for town flag,		\$2 20
Staples Coal Co., 12 tons hard broken coal,		55 20
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Corp., freight on coal,		10 73
A. J. Blaisdell, tinting and varnishing town house,		115 00
C. G. Coggins, labor and stock in town house,	\$50 19	
C. G. Coggins, bill boards for town house,	3 88	
	<hr/>	54 07
H. A. Tamblyn, work on town house,		15 19
		<hr/>
		\$430 25

## TOWN CLOCK DEPARTMENT.

Paid Jos. E. Johnson,	\$25 00
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## MEMORIAL DAY DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. F. Bryant,	\$50 00
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## WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Paid Sharon Water Department, for water for hydrants,	\$1600 00	
Sharon Water Department, for 2 drinking fountains,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$1640 00

## APPROPRIATION OF MAY 20 FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Paid Sharon Water Department, for expenses in erecting 3 stand pipes,	\$79 39
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## ENFORCEMENT OF LAW DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. M. Hixson,	\$11 00	
Warren Johnson,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$18 50

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF MAY 20, 1896.

Paid Williams & Anderson, for Annie M. Carberry for damages on Viaduct St.,		
in 1893,	\$500 00	
Interest on same,	29 25	
Costs on same,	78 80	
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	\$608 05	
Thomas E. Grover, services and expenses in Carberry case,	93 90	
	<hr/>	\$701 95

## MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Paid G. H. Whittemore, 14 marriages, 35 births, 40 deaths,	\$25 60	
Services as registrar and clerk of same,	25 00	
Canvass of Representative vote,	5 00	
Cash paid for sundries,	14 12	
	<hr/>	\$69 72
A. A. Bailey, services ballot clerk, March 2, '96,	\$2 00	
Services teller and ballot clerk, Nov. 3, '96,	2 50	
	<hr/>	4 50
Benj. Raynolds, services ballot clerk, March 2, '96.		2 00
W. W. Brooks, inspector of the meat he butchered,		8 25
Fred. Endicott, 3 days at court on Carberry case,		21 00
Dexter Packard, sundry expenses,		5 78
E. E. Naramore, services as teller March 2, '96,		2 00
A. S. Hixon, services as ballot clerk and teller,	\$7 50	
Police service,	5 00	
	<hr/>	12 50
Fred. D. Long, services as auditor for 1895,		10 00

W. H. Delano, services as teller and ballot clerk,	\$5 00	
Police service,	5 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
C. E. Howard, Inspector of cattle and provisions, 1 year,		54 25
H. F. Leonard, freight and carting,		1 10
Edmund Grover, surveying North and South Main sts.,	\$68 00	
Laying out Chesnut, Glendale and Walnut sts.,	40 00	
	<hr/>	108 00
Otis S. Tolman, cash paid sundry persons for services at forest fires,		28 50
H. S. Shepard, services as auditor '94 to '95,		12 00
P. M. Leavitt, adv. Selectmen's meeting,	\$8 00	
Adv. Registrars' notices,	2 00	
Printing ballots,	21 15	
“ voting lists,	10 50	
	<hr/>	41 65
Dennis Desmond, ballot clerk, March 2 and Nov. 3, '96,		4 50
Oscar L. Corliss, M.D., reporting 5 births,		1 25
Geo. Richards, 6 burial permits,		1 50
A. A. Bailey, 1 year services as sealer of weights and measures,		10 00
F. H. Frye, services as ballot clerk and teller,	2 50	
Services as registrar to May 1, 1896,	10 00	
	<hr/>	12 50
Boston Sparr Co., expense on flag pole,		2 95
Silas A. Stone, fares to Dedham in Carberry case,		2 40
Geo. E. Crosby & Co., 500 copies Town Report, extra on addition to School Report, 500 town meeting warrants, 200 copies Water Report,	\$93 00	
Printing letter heads,	3 50	
	<hr/>	96 50



Greenough, Adams & Cushing, State ink		\$2 00
Twitchell & Hight, printing 50 tramp cloth signs	\$2 50	
Adv. town officers' meetings,	9 90	
Printing 50 cloth signs, notices to gunners, etc.,	2 50	
“ assessor's notices, etc.,	2 50	
Adv. penalty for brush fires,	1 25	
Printing lists of persons assessed a poll tax, printing lists of women voters,	13 90	
	<hr/>	32 55
C. S. Curtis, services as constable for 1 year to March 2, '96, posting town warrants, dog warrants, etc.,	\$50 00	
Police service,	4 00	
	<hr/>	54 00
Wm. Heneberry, teller March 2, 1896,		2 00
Geo. M. Coolidge, fumigating 2 houses,		5 50
Geo. W. Southworth, assessors canvassing books,		3 35
C. A. Hixson, services as registrar 2 years,		20 00
Chas. H. Munroe, service at forest fire,		1 50
C. L. Burdakin, list of Sharon deeds, 1 yr.		10 00
E. M. Hixson, posting tramp notices,	7 32	
Cash paid sundry persons for services at forest fires,	36 00	
Services as Police,	27 00	
	<hr/>	70 32
S. W. Billings, cash paid sundry persons for services at forest fires,	290 73	
Michael Toomey, services at forest fires,	1 38	
Withington & Lowe, 59 death returns for 94-95 to May 1, '96,		14 75
John O'Neal, 3 maple trees for S. Main St.,		3 00
Frank C. Bower, work at forest fire on land of Mrs. Luke Lothrop,		3 75
Frank C. Lynch, work at forest fire on land of Mrs. Luke Lothrop,		1 50

Isaac Smith, work on forest fire at Bay Road,		\$1 00
Charles E. Hall, putting rope in flag staff,	\$3 00	
Charles E. Hall, setting 2 lights of glass in library case,	1 00	
	-----	4 00
Otis E. Harwood, police services,		12 50
Thomas C. Prue, teller, Nov. 5, '95,		2 50
T. E. Grover, attorney in Peach case, employed by fireward E. M. Hixson,		30 00
H. A. Lothrop Mfg. Co., sharpening lawn mower twice,		2 00
A. D. Packard, teller, March 2,		2 00
Charles F. Madan, police services,		5 00
Dennis O'Leary, teller, March 2, '96,		2 00
Geo. R. & Wm. R. Mann, for land taken for highway, near Orthodox church, in Feb'y, 1890,		150 00
H. A. Boyden, police service,		2 50
W. D. Glover, " "		5 00
Sharon Enterprise, adv. Town Officers' meetings,	\$3 75	
Sharon Enterprise, adv. list of fire alarm boxes,	3 75	
Sharon Enterprise, adv. meeting of Registrars,	1 50	
	-----	9 00
A. W. Andrews, use of waggonette for E. M. Hixson and other police July 4,		4 00
A. K. Hall, services as teller, Nov. 3, 96,		2 50
T. F. Quinn, " " "		2 50
Mrs. Jennie A. Miller, services as ballot clerk, Mar. 2, 1896,		2 00
Cash paid for lunch for tellers, Nov. 3,		1 25
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		\$1278 93



## STATE AID.

## NO APPROPRIATION.

Names of persons receiving State aid during the year 1896 :

Charles E. Andrews.....	\$12 00
Julia M. Bliss.....	6 00
Albert Bullard .....	42 00
Ursula M. Bullard .....	48 00
Emily F. Capen.....	48 00
John D. Capen.....	24 00
George S. Cook.....	36 00
Josephine Davenport.....	24 00
Alice M. Drake.....	48 00
Charles A. Dunakin.....	4 00
Stillman D. Eddy.....	18 00
Bridget Enwright.....	48 00
Eliza C. Fairbanks.....	48 00
Nathan R. Fuller .....	36 00
John W. Godfrey.....	48 00
Emeline Hardy.....	48 00
H. Rebecca Johnson.....	48 00
Joseph W. Knowles.....	6 00
Henry F. H. Miller.....	72 00
Marian Morse.....	8 00
Emily Peach.....	48 00
James H. Urry.....	24 00
Herbert O. Wentworth .....	24 00

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\$768 00

Of this amount orders have been given to the Town Treasurer for the payment of \$744 00. \$768 00 to be reimbursed by the State.

Names of persons receiving Military Aid during the year 1896 :

Reuben F. Johnson.....	48 00
Ansel A. Smith.....	72 00

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\$120 00

One half to be reimbursed by the State, one half to be paid the  
by Town of Sharon.

The foregoing is the Selectmen's report of the expenditures of  
all the different departments under their jurisdiction.

OLIVER H. GREEN,  
BENJAMIN GANNETT,  
CHARLES M. SMITH,

*Selectmen of Sharon.*

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## REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION OF TOWN.

#### REAL ESTATE :

Buildings excluding land,	\$923,605	
Land excluding buildings,	608,390	
Personal estate,	354 647	
	<hr/>	\$1,886,642

#### Number of Residents Assessed on Property :

Individuals,	348	
All others,	18	
	<hr/>	366

#### Non-residents :

Individuals,	264	
All others,	17	
	<hr/>	281

Number assessed on property,		<hr/> 647
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Poll tax 446 at \$2,	\$ 892 000	
Tax on real estate,	15,549 75	
Tax on personal estate,	3,599 67	
	<hr/>	\$20,041 42

Rate \$10.15 on \$1,000.00.

Rate in '95, \$13. Decrease \$2.85.



Number of horses,	326
“ “ cows,	301
“ “ neat cattle other than cows,	61
“ “ swine,	100
“ “ sheep,	2
“ “ dwelling houses,	442
“ “ fowls,	904
“ “ acres taxed,	13,736

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### ASSETS.

Property of the town not available for transfer in paying debts :

Alms-house establishment, land and build- ings,	\$3,750 00
Inventory at alms-house,	1,208 65
Center school-house and land,	12,000 00
East “ “ “ “	1,800 00
West “ “ “ “	2,000 00
North “ “ “ “	950 00
South “ “ “ “	900 00
School property, text books,	750 00
Public Library, books and papers,	2,400 00
Bequest by will,	800 00
School Trust Funds,	4,910 00
Road tools	
Hay scales,	200 00
Hearse,	200 00
Town house and land,	13,000 00
Hose houses,	1,850 00
Fire apparatus,	2,000 00
Electric alarm,	1,000 00

BENJAMIN H. GANNETT,	} <i>Assessors</i> <i>of</i> <i>Sharon.</i>
OLIVER H. GREEN,	
CHARLES M. SMITH,	

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor instead of preparing a detailed statement of the expenses of the Poor Department, refer the citizens to the report of the Selectmen, and Town Treasurer for a more definite statement of this department, and herewith present the amount of the inventory of the property at the Almshouse, January 1st, 1897, the names of the inmates at the Almshouse during the year 1896 and the aid to outside poor.

Amount of Inventory Jan. 1st, 1897, \$1,208.65.

Inmates of the Almshouse during the year 1896:—Eliza Sidel, 12 months; Macey Randall, 12 months; Alvin Sumner, 12 months; Joseph Torrey, 5 months; John Doyle, 1 month; Eugene K. Carpenter, 1 month.

Number of tramps fed and lodged during:—January '96, 300; February, 132; March, 101; April, 2; May, 1; June, 0; July, 0; August, 0; September, 1; October, 4; November, 2; December, 1; total, 544.

### AID TO OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid for Nathan R. Lothrop:—

Cash,	\$60 00	
Coal,	27 25	
House rent for 3 months, to Lothrop Mfg. Co.,	12 00	
	————	\$99 25

Paid for Mrs. John Talbot:—

Coal,	\$20 63	
3½ months' rent to Lothrop Mfg. Co.,	16 67	
Moving,	5 00	
House rent to Benj. Gannett, for 6 months,	41 00	
	————	83 30

Paid for George S. Cook:—

Medical attendance and examina- tion,	\$24 00
H. A. Boyden, attendance,	24 00



Team to Stoughton,	1 50	
Mass. Hospital for Inebriates,	6 50	
State Treasurer,	26 00	
Taunton Lunatic Asylum,	40 92	
	<hr/>	122 92
Paid for Delia Doyle :—		
Board to Mrs. Lewis,	\$14 00	
Medical attendance and examina- tion,	13 00	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital and expenses,	8 86	
	<hr/>	35 86
Paid for Elbridge A. Fuller :—		
Town of Norton for medical aid,		5 00
Paid for George F. Jenkins :—		
Long Bros. for goods,		6 64
(To be reimbursed by Town of Merrimac.)		
Paid for Violet Hopkins :—		
Digging one grave,	\$3 00	
Withington & Lowe,	5 00	
(To be reimbursed by the State.)	<hr/>	8 00
Paid board for Viola Fairbanks,		10 00
Paid for coal for Mrs. Crow,		6 75
Paid Oscar L. Corliss, M. D., for medical services for Arthur McDeed,	\$2 00	
Eugene K. Carpenter, cash to ob- tain medicine,	13 00	
Reuben F. Johnson, cash,	10 00	
	<hr/>	25 00
Paid Danvers Lunatic Hospital :—		
Isabella R. Estey,		127 22
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital :—		
Edgar W. D. Johnson,		127 21
Paid State Treasurer :—		
Nellie M. Cobb,	\$68 40	
George R. McMillen,	41 79	
	<hr/>	110 19
		<hr/>
		\$767 34

Paid George O. Nason, services at Almshouse,		
a part is last year's salary,	325	00
H. F. Leonard for coal,	13	50
O. H. Derry, new wagon body		
and work for farm,	51	19
Benj. Gannett for hay,	11	75
James Murphy, professional ser-		
vices to cow,	3	00
Pettee & Colburn, goods,	100	30
	<hr/>	504 74
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		\$1,272 08

Special appropriation of March 2d, paid for	
shingling and repairs at Almshouse	\$92 72
Respectfully submitted,	

CHARLES M. SMITH,  
 BENJAMIN GANNETT,  
 OLIVER H. GREEN,  
*Overseers of Poor.*

REPORT OF GEORGE O. NASON, WARDEN OF TOWN ALMSHOUSE  
 AND FARM.

To cash received for milk,	\$407 79
" " " " eggs,	116 87
" " " " 1 cow,	20 00
" " " " 4 calves,	33 50
" " " " 3 hens,	1 50
" " " " 14½ bus. potatoes,	9 00
" " " " 3 lbs. pork,	30
	<hr/>
	\$588 96

Amount due Geo. O. Nason, on 1895 account \$22 28

Paid James Christopher, milk pail, cans and	
repairs,	4 20
Sink and lead pipe,	2 93
C. E. Hall, glass, labor and paint,	9 23
Holbrook, dry goods,	16 13
Tamblyn, lumber,	4 73
Wheeler, wall paper,	2 99



Labor making 5 gates,	\$2 75	
Repairs to barn,	35	
Balcom, repairs to clock and filing		
saws,	2 20	
Dunakin, repairing shoes,	1 05	
Harness repairs,	6 38	
L. M. Darling for butter,	3 40	
Fresh fish,	6 18	
Dr. Corliss and medicines,	5 78	
Bryant, medicine for cow,	50	
Stone, medicine for horse,	1 00	
Telephone to Murphy,	15	
Chas. F. White,	9 00	
C. A. Hixson,	2 24	
Leonard for saw dust,	1 60	
C. M. Smith for pigs,	6 00	
6 calves,	5 50	
Leonard for plowing,	3 00	
Long Bros. for groceries and grain,	243 43	
Pettee & Colburn for groceries and		
grain,	165 94	
For butchering pigs and calves,	8 00	
Grinding corn,	4 75	
Labor,	8 75	
" during haying,	27 75	
" " harvesting,	10 75	
		\$588 94

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The details of money expended will be found under their respective headings.

Perhaps a few general principles may indicate what we tried to do as far has seemed to be best. First, the road ; second, the sidewalks. The owners and abutters to co-operate with the town for the public safety and convenience. Fewer roads, and better.

Where new roads are needed, let them be located in the best possible place for all parties, and graded so there will be no hard

hills for any kind of a team. Well drained at the sides, and underneath, and the top covered with a light coat of good gravel.

We think the town should secure as soon as possible a good gravel pit, as near as may be to the travelled roads.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. WEBSTER PETTEE,	} <i>Road</i> <i>Commissioners.</i>
WARREN JOHNSON,	
F. H. BAKER,	

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### SNOW DEPARTMENT.

#### DR.

1895, Balance,	\$251 25	
Oct. 5, 1896, Appropriation,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$551 25

#### CR.

Anton Neilson,	\$2 63
Frank Peterson,	3 75
L. W. Morse,	12 31
H. F. Maxwell,	1 00
George Degg,	1 33
Wm. F. Chase, Jr.,	11 25
J. E. Drake,	2 00
John O'Leary,	12 34
Geo. O'Leary,	4 00
J. J. Geissler,	10 50
Lewis Leary,	5 55
Charles H. Munroe,	1 50
Harry Peach,	75
J. H. Urry,	1 00
Otis S. Tolman,	11 25
C. E. Howard,	12 66
E. G. Cobb,	4 20
Samuel T. Leonard,	2 33
O. H. Derry,	1 25
John Gibbons, Jr.,	1 00
A. E. Godfrey,	1 50
Mar. 9th. Ernest E. Peach.	4 17

Earle Bullard,	\$1 50	
Albert Squires,	75	
Jan. 13th, Jere O'Leary,	45 53	
J. Gibbons,	2 00	
Phillip McGovern,	1 00	
Thomas Collins,	3 50	
O. A. Williams,	9 17	
A. B. Peach,	2 25	
Warren Johnson,	26 04	
Hans M. Hansem,	4 75	
Frank Peterson,	6 00	
Benj. Gannett,	7 49	
Dan Danielson,	12 42	
O. L. Dorr,	2 00	
W. D. Glover,	3 75	
F. H. Baker,	13 41	
	<hr/>	\$249 83

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

## DR.

To Bal. from 1895.....	\$170 55	
Mar. 2, 1896, appropriation.....	2600 00	
Oct. 5, " ".....	200 00	
Loam sold.....	52 67	
	<hr/>	\$3,023 22
Overpaid by private funds to balance account		16 91
		<hr/>
		\$3,040 13

## CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$333 97
Warren Johnson.....	327 97
Obed Cobbett.....	9 00
Arthur I. McPherson.....	45 42
F. H. McPherson.....	111 83
G. F. Wilbur.....	98 50
Geo. O'Leary.....	74 33
John Doyle.....	7 50
Edwin P. Davis.....	80 08



Allen Stone.....	\$15 00
A. E. Godfrey.....	39 17
Thomas Regan.....	19 92
Benjamin Gannett.....	14 83
“ “ gravel.....	7 25
Wm. Herold.....	28 17
L. W. Morse.....	18 00
Chas. M. Smith....	13 50
F. A. White.....	9 00
H. F. Drake.....	9 00
Robert Hamilton.....	9 00
Chas. C. Geissler.....	9 00
Ernest Drake.....	3 00
Chas. Collins.....	81 55
Stillman Dunakin.....	4 50
Geo. H. Johnson.....	70 42
Harry Peach.....	48 00
Albert Squires.....	19 50
Frank Peterson.....	115 08
H. O. Wentworth.....	13 50
Ralph Johnson.....	53 52
Ambrose Peach.....	130 25
C. F. Richards.....	146 75
Jere O'Leary.....	22 50
Willard Wilbur.....	50 50
Willard Wilbur, Jr.....	46 75
H. Paulson.....	54 67
John Gibbons, Jr.....	31 17
Ed. Richards.....	36 25
Fred A. Drake.....	52 75
W. Speirs.....	16 25
Samuel Snow.....	9 00
Fred McMillen.....	8 08
Philip McGovern.....	20 00
Thos. McMillen.....	12 75
Ernest E. Peach.....	15 00
H. L. Wilder.....	27 00
Perley Dunakin.....	6 00
B. Frank Rhoades.....	25 50

Chas. Luffe.....	16 25	
A. Frank Johnson.....	2 50	
S. W. Bullard.....	1 50	
Patrick Healy.....	6 00	
P. E. Jensen.....	7 50	
Julius Jensen.....	6 00	
M. Dailey.....	3 00	
John Dugan.....	4 50	
Philip Bremner.....	1 50	
Samuel Leonard.....	7 50	
C. T. Derry, gravel.....	5 00	
W. R. Snow.....	10 67	
J. Jorgensen.....	9 75	
A. R. Alden.....	5 00	
James Johnson.....	6 55	
Wm. Mally.....	4 80	
O. H. Derry.....	23 50	
Road Scraper.....	225 93	
F. H. Baker.....	9 07	
Pettee & Colburn.....	62 97	
D. W. Pettee.....	36 15	
Ames Plow Co.....	14 27	
O. L. Dorr.....	129 11	
Lewis O'Leary.....	9 00	
W. T. Chase.....	20 98	
Wm. Malley.....	4 45	
Jen Jargenson.....	75	
Jere O'Leary.....	5 25	
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GLENDALE ROAD.

DR.

1895 appropriation ..... \$100 00

CR.

Paid Philip McGovern.....	\$ 1 00
H. Paulson.....	10 50
Wm. Herold.....	1 50

G. F. Wilbur.....	\$2 50	
F. H. Baker.....	8 33	
Warren Johnson.....	2 00	
C. F. Richards.....	27 75	
Frank Peterson.....	1 00	
S. Talbot, gravel .....	6 50	
Willard Wilbur, Jr.....	9 00	
Thos. McMillen.....	9 00	
Fred. McMillen.....	1 50	
Geo. H. Johnson .....	9 00	
F. A. White.....	6 75	
Ralph Johnson.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 33

### GLENDAL ROAD EXTENSION.

#### DR.

Appropriation.....		\$750 00
Loan sold E. E. Farnham.....	\$ 5 00	
“ F. B. Hoyt.....	18 00	
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		\$773 00

#### CR.

Paid Ralph Johnson .....	\$21 00
Geo. H. Johnson.....	18 00
H. Paulson.....	15 00
Wm. Herold.....	21 75
Williard Wilbur Jr.....	17 25
G. F. Wilbur.....	16 50
Thos. McMillen.....	18 00
F. H. Baker.....	62 00
Warren Johnson.....	54 00
C. F. Richards.....	56 25
H. F. Leonard.....	85 50
S. Talbot, gravel .....	11 25
Frank Peterson .....	46 50
H. L. Wilder.....	42 00
C. Swanson.....	30 00



Thos. Collins.....	\$18 75	
Philip McGovern.....	12 00	
Ed. Richards.....	14 25	
Fred. A. Drake .....	24 75	
A. E. Godfrey.....	14 25	
Willard Wilbur.....	14 25	
Fred. McMillen.....	24 75	
Edwin P. Davis.....	46 50	
F. A. White.....	29 25	
Chas. Luffe.....	1 50	
Geo. Jenkins.....	1 50	
Jeremiah O'Leary.....	25 00	
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	14 00	
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		\$755 75
Myron Gilbert .....		5 20
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		\$760 95

## SOUTH MAIN STREET.

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
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CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$110 47
Warren Johnson.....	87 22
A. A. Carpenter.....	89 75
H. F. Leonard.....	14 50
Geo. H. Johnson.....	30 92
A. Frank Johnson.....	28 42
H. Paulson.....	28 42
Ed. Richards.....	29 17
Fred A. Drake.....	27 67
Stillman Dunakin.....	16 09
Andrew Mehan.....	31 58
G. F. Wilbur.....	29 92
Ralph Johnson.....	21 67
B. Frank Rhoades.....	46 33
Thos. Collins.....	8 17
Chas. Luffe.....	25 42
L. W. Morse.....	79 50

H. F. Maxwell.....	45 00
H. F. Drake.....	52 50
Edwin P. Davis.....	26 50
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	69 85
Dennis Desmond.....	23 17
M. Legee.....	15 75
John O'Leary.....	96 00
John Gibbons, Jr.....	19 50
Geo. Morkt.....	1 50
Harry Percell.....	39 00
F. J. Fuller.....	45 40
Ambrose Peach.....	72 00
C. C. Geissler.....	42 00
James Clowes.....	14 25
D. Danielson.....	41 00
M. Dailey.....	15 00
Earnest E. Peach.....	22 50
Philip Bremner.....	20 25
F. A. White.....	22 50
A. D. Wilbur.....	6 00
Frank Farrell.....	7 50
P. E. Jensen.....	7 50
John Dugan.....	6 00
Pat. Healy.....	6 00
C. M. Smith.....	4 50
	<hr/> \$1,426 39

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SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT.

DR.

March 2, 1896, appropriation.....	\$400 00
Balance from 1895.....	25 82
May 13, 1897, received from Mrs. C. Webber	18 33
Aug. 7, 1899, Mrs. L. A. Page.....	46 15
Oct. 1, 1896, D. W. Pettee.....	62 18
Dec. 28, 1896, S. R. Packard.....	9 33
Sept. 21, 1896, Miss E. J. Horace.....	24 69
	<hr/> \$586 50

## CR.

Paid G. F. Wilbur.....	\$3 75
F. H. Baker.....	22 00
Ambrose Peach.....	9 00
Geo. H. Johnson.....	22 50
Harry Peach.....	3 75
Geo. Jenkins.....	1 25
A. Squires.....	1 50
Frank Peterson.....	9 75
H. F. Leonard.....	18 00
C. Swanson.....	21 00
Thos. Collins.....	18 00
Phillip McGovern.....	1 50
Ed. Richards.....	30 00
Fred A. Drake.....	14 25
A. E. Godfrey.....	1 17
Willard Wilbur.....	9 00
Andrew Mehan.....	18 00
Warren Johnson.....	55 00
Ralph Johnson.....	10 50
C. F. Richards.....	49 50
H. L. Wilder.....	15 00
H. Paulson.....	20 25
Thos. McMillen.....	14 25
Fred McMillen.....	12 00
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	9 70
Edwin P. Davis.....	2 25
Stillman Dunakin.....	12 00
H. F. Leonard.....	1 00

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 \$405 87

## DEPOT STREET.

## DR.

Appropriation.....	\$600 00
Material sold.....	60 58
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	\$660 58

## CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$22 00
Warren Johnson.....	53 50
A. A. Carpenter.....	36 00
G. F. Wilbur.....	6 00
Ralph Johnson.....	14 25
Geo. H. Johnson.....	16 50
H. Paulson.....	7 50
Fred. A. Drake .....	12 75
A. Frank Johnson....	24 00
B. Frank Rhoades.....	33 00
Thomas Collins.....	1 50
Chas. Luffe.....	14 25
Andrew Mehen.....	10 50
L. W. Morse .....	9 00
H. F. Maxwell.....	18 00
H. F. Drake.....	21 00
Edwin P. Davis .....	12 00
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	22 00
Dennis Desmond.....	15 75
M. Legee.....	9 75
John O'Leary.....	24 00
John Gibbons, Jr.....	15 75
Geo. Morkt .....	2 25
James O'Leary.....	3 75
M. Dailey.....	23 25
Ambrose Peach.....	27 00
C. C. Geissler.....	23 67
E. J. Fuller.....	13 50
D. Danielson.....	6 00
F. A. White .....	15 75
Robert Hamilton.....	17 25
Earnest Drake.....	9 00
C. M. Smith.....	13 50
H. L. Wilder.....	24 00
Patrick Healy.....	1 50
John Dugan .....	3 00
Julius Jenson.....	9 75
Philip Bremner.....	17 25



Earnest E. Peach.....	\$10 50
Harry Purcell.....	9 00
Samuel Leonard.....	12 75
Frank Farrell.....	4 50
P. E. Jensen.....	1 50
Ed. Richards .....	3 75

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 \$651 42

## CHESTNUT STREET EXTENSION.

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$750 00
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CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$ 5 67
E. P. Davis.....	4 50
G. F. Wilbur .....	2 83
W. R. Snow.....	13 50
Thos. McMillen.....	7 50
W. Wilbur, Jr.....	75
Ed. Richards .....	1 50
B. F. Rhoades.....	22 50
C. Wilson.....	14 62
H. F. Leonard.....	1 00
E. P. Clapp, lumber.....	35 63

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 \$110 00

Jer. O'Leary.....	640 00
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 \$750 00

## SUMMIT AVENUE.

DR.

1895 Appropriation.....	\$125 00
Oct. 5, " .....	50 00
Loam sold.....	52 50

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 \$227 50

CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	18 32
G. F. Wilbur.....	1 50
Warren Johnson.....	25 50

Geo. H. Johnson.....	\$13 00
A. Frank Johnson.....	11 50
Ed. Richards.....	11 50
H. Paulson.....	17 50
H. F. Leonard.....	33 75
Ralph Johnson.....	8 50
A. A. Carpenter.....	25 50
Fred A. Drake.....	6 75
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	8 90
L. W. Morse.....	13 50
F. A. White.....	6 75
E. J. Fuller.....	9 00
Edwin P. Davis.....	6 00
D. Danielson.....	6 00
A. D. Wilbur.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$226 47

## PLEASANT STREET EXTENSION.

## DR.

1896 appropriation.....	\$200 00
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## CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$8 50
L. W. Morse.....	6 75
Edwin P. Davis.....	1 50
Robert Hamilton.....	9 00
H. L. Wilder.....	15 00
D. Danielson.....	8 50
Andrew Mehan.....	3 00
P. E. Jensen.....	7 50
G. F. Wilbur.....	2 25
Ed. Richards.....	6 00
H. Paulson.....	6 00
Earnest E. Peach.....	6 00
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	1 50
Warren Johnson.....	5 00
B. Frank Rhoades.....	6 00
Ralph Johnson.....	1 50
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## WALNUT STREET EXTENSION.

## DR.

Mar. 2, 1896, appropriation.....	\$300 00
S. W. B. paid.....	02

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 \$300 02

## CR.

Paid F. H. Baker.....	\$ 5 00
G. F. Wilbur .....	1 50
Warren Johnson.....	5 00
Ralph Johnson.....	1 50
Thos. Collins .....	23 50
B. Frank Rhoades .....	68 00
Chas. Luffe.....	22 00
Geo. H. Johnson.....	1 50
A. Frank Johnson.....	8 25
Ed. Richards.....	4 50
H. Paulson.....	1 50
H. F. Leonard.....	2 25
D. Danielson.....	12 00
L. W. Morse.....	3 00
H. F. Maxwell.....	26 67
H. F. Drake.....	23 34
John Gibbons, Jr.....	1 50
Chas. Geissler .....	26 67
Earnest E. Peach....	13 50
Edwin P. Davis.....	3 00
Philip Bremner .....	10 50
M. Dailey.....	6 00
H. L. Wilder.....	14 67
Robert Hamilton.....	14 67

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 \$302 02

## NORTH MAIN STREET.

## DR.

Oct. 5. 1896, appropriation.....	\$1000 00
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## CR.

Paid James Clowes.....	\$22 50
E. G. Harwood.....	2 14
Ed. Richards.....	24 00



A. D. Wilbur.....	\$ 1 50
Frank Farrell.....	22 50
F. H. Baker.....	55 00
Warren Johnson.....	74 00
A. A. Carpenter.....	49 25
E. J. Fuller.....	61 50
F. A. White .....	58 50
John O'Leary.....	78 00
L. W. Morse.....	49 50
Ambrose Peach.....	54 00
Edwin P. Davis.....	39 00
Dennis Desmond.....	19 50
Chas. Luffe.....	19 50
D. Danielson.....	39 67
John Gibbons, Jr.....	21 00
A. Frank Johnson ...	4 50
Andrew Mehan.....	22 50
G. F. Wilbur.....	16 50
Ralph Johnson.....	20 50
Geo. H. Johnson.....	21 00
H. Paulson.....	21 00
C. Wilson.....	7 50
M. Dailey.....	6 00
P. E. Jensen.....	19 50
John Dugan .....	19 25
Patrick Healy.....	19 25
J. A. Bowman, gravel.....	45 25
Fred. A. Drake.....	18 00
M. Legee.....	16 50
Julius Jensen.....	11 83
Samuel Leonard.....	13 50
B. Frank Rhoades.....	12 00
Charles M. Smith.....	13 50

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 \$999 14

## STREET LIGHTING DEPARTMENT.

DR.

1895, Balance,	\$21 33
Mar. 2, Appropriation,	300 00
Oct. 5, " "	200 00

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 \$521 33

A. W. Andrews,	\$60 00
Long Brothers,	84 03
J. K. Christopher,	10 30
Sharon Enterprise,	50
S. A. Dunakin,	141 42
P McGovern,	1 50
Pettee & Colburn,	88 33
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	\$386 08

## LIST OF ROAD TOOLS.

1 Road Machine; 2 Snow Plows; 1 Hard Pan Plow; 4 Gravel Screens; 7 Steel Rakes; 5 Cromes; 3 Grub Hoes; 11 Picks; 1 Brush Hook; 1 Sod Cutter; 14 Long Handle Shovels; 20 Short Handle Shovels; 2 Hoes; 3 Stone Pickers; 11 Lanterns; 7 Drills; 3 Long Trestles.

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS, TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

To Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1896,	\$6,203	60
B. R. Doody, Dist. Court, fines and forfeitures, Miscellaneous Dept.,	120	00
A. B. Endicott, fines received, Miscellaneous Dept.,	10	00
Edward F. Davidson, Peddler's License, Miss. Dept.,	6	00
Auctioneers' Licences, " "	6	00
P. H. Baker, soil sold at Gordon Place, " "	5	75
O. L. Corliss, " " " " " "	3	50
Tax of 1895, Dexter Packard, Collector,	8,553	41
George Kempton, water rate, Water Dept.,	5	00
A. D. Holmes, Clerk of Water Commissioners, water rates, Water Dept.	5,436	36
Treasurer of Commonwealth, support of State paupers, Poor Dept.,	22	00
A. A. Carpenter, horse of J. F. Torrey, Poor Dept.,	8	00
Treasurer of Commonwealth, burial of State pau- pers, Poor Dept.,	15	00

C. H. Smith, County Treasurer, balance of Dog Licenses, Public Lib. Dept.,	337 20
H. A. Felt, Secretary Income of Legacy of Eliza G. Perkins, Public Lib. Dept.,	25 00
H. A. Felt, Secretary Income of Legacy of Rus- sell Drake, Public Lib. Dept.,	15 00
Emma A. Baker, fines and sales of Catalogue, Public Lib. Dept.,	40 00
Emma A. Baker, Secretary Joint Com. from Com- monwealth, School Supt. Dept.,	150 00
Treasurer of Commonwealth, Income of Mass. School Fund, School Salary Dept.,	235 35
Joseph Goddard, Trustee Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Dept., School Salary Dept.,	153 00
Emma A. Baker, Secretary Joint Com. from Com- monwealth, School Salary Dept.,	100 00
D. W. Pettee, Trustee Sharon Friends School Fund, School Salary Dept.,	141 60
O. E. Harwood, Janitor, rent of Town Hall, Town House Dept.	87 50
E. E. Naramore, overpay of firemen, Pay of Fire Dept.,	3 00
Material sold P. H. Baker by Road Commission- ers, Highway Dept.,	12 50
Material sold H. F. Leonard by Road Commis- sioners, Highway Dept.,	5 00
Material sold O. H. Derry by Road Commission- ers, Highway Dept.,	23 50
Material sold Dennis Desmond by Road Commis- sioners' Highway Dept.,	4 00
Material sold Florine J. Margot by Road Com- missioners, Highway Dept.,	50
Material sold C. E. Hall by Road Commissioners, Highway Dept.,	7 17
Money borrowed on Notes,	11,000 00
Mrs. Cushing Webber by Road Com., Sidewalk Dept.,	18 33
Mrs. Laura A. Sage, " " " "	46 15
Miss Ellen J. Horace, " " " "	24 69
D. W. Pettee, " " " "	62 18
J. R. Packard, amount due 1895, (Maple Avenue) Sidewalk Dept.,	9 33

F. B. Hoyt, loam sold by Road Commissioners, Glendale Road Ex. Dept.,	\$18 00
E. E. Farnam, loam sold by Road Commissioners, Glendale Road Ex. Dept.,	5 00
Sanford Waters Billings, balance overpay Personal Funds, Walnut Street Ex. Dept.,	02
Treas. of Commonwealth, balance Corp. Tax 1895,	25 90
“ “ “ “ 1896,	2,006 53
“ “ National Bank Tax, “	438 87
“ “ Military Aid, “	72 00
“ “ State Aid, “	698 00
Tax of 1894, Dexter Packard, Collector,	258 05
“ 1896, Silas Poole, “	10,294 19
O. F. Sage, loam sold by Road Commissioners, Summit Avenue Dept.,	31 00
P. H. Baker, loam sold by Road Commissioners, Summit Avenue Dept.,	20 00
C. L. Margot, loam sold by Road Commissioners, Summit Avenue Dept.,	1 50
G. A. Dennett, gravel sold by Road Commission- ers, Depot Street Dept.,	8 33
J. K. Christopher, gravel sold by Road Commis- sioners, Depot Street Dept.	49 25
S. D. Eddy, gravel sold by Road Commissioners, Depot Street Dept.,	3 00
Sanford Waters Billings, balance Personal Funds, Highway Dept.,	16 91
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	\$46,842 17

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By Miscellaneous Dept., A. C. Paul, Dist. Court,	41 20
“ “ C. S. Curtis, “ “	105 60
“ “ E. M. Hixson, “ “	151 55
“ “ H. A. Boyden, “ “	2 80
“ “ A. S. Hixson, “ “	16 75
“ “ Richard Vanston, “	13 70
“ “ Ins. Prem. Norfolk M.F.I.Co.,	22 00
“ “ “ Dorchester “	6 00
“ “ “ Quincy “	25 00
“ “ “ Spring’ld F.&M.I.Co.	34 50



Miscellaneous Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	\$1,278 93
Water Dept., Orders of Water Commissioners,	5,449 75
“ “ April Coupons,	420 00
“ “ June “	600 00
“ “ October “	420 00
“ “ December “	600 00
Poor “ Orders of Selectmen,	1,272 08
Snow “ “ “	245 25
“ “ “ Road Commissioners,	4 58
Public Library Dept., Bills approved by Chairman and Secretary of Trustees,	442 11
Town Officers Salary Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	825 00
School Supt. “ “ School Com.,	330 00
School Salary “ “ “ “	4,254 38
Text Book Supply “ “ “ “	318 08
Town House and Grounds Dept., Orders of Select- men,	430 25
Fine Dept., (Incidentals) Orders of Selectmen,	78 44
Street Lighting Dept., “ “	140 08
“ “ “ “ Road Com.,	246 00
Fine Dept., Pay of Firemen, Order of Selectmen, No. 120,	386 02
Interest Dept., Joseph Goddard, Trustee,	153 00
“ “ H. A. Felt, Sec. Trustees Pub. Lib.,	40 00
“ “ H. G. Cowell,	8 00
“ “ Emeline Hardy,	24 00
“ “ State St. Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	252 38
“ “ Aimee J. Howard,	56 00
“ “ Canton Institution of Saving,	404 78
“ “ Oliver H. Green,	14 00
“ “ D. W. Pettee, Trustee,	141 60
Highway “ Orders of Selectmen,	802 14
“ “ “ Road Commissioners,	2,237 99
Bills Payable Dept., Short Notes paid,	4,000 00
Sidewalk “ Orders of Selectmen,	36 25
“ “ “ Road Commissioner,	369 62
School Report and Incidental Dept., Orders of School Committee,	399 90
Water Fountain and Hydrant Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	1,640 00

Water Bond due Oct. 1, 1896,	1,000 00
South Main Street Dept., Orders of Road Com.,	1,426 39
Glendale Road Ex. " " " "	760 95
Fire Alarm Dept., (now in use) Order of Selectmen, No. 196,	125 00
Fire Alarm Ex. Dept., Order of Selectmen, No. 196,	250 00
Walnut St. Ex. " Orders of Road Com.	300 02
Almshouse Repairs Dept., Order of Selectmen, No. 199,	92 72
Military Aid Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	120 00
Memorial Day " Order " " No. 266,	50 00
County Tax, C. H. Smith, County Treasurer,	1,166 61
Care of Town Clock Dept., Order of Selectmen, No. 265,	25 00
Bills payable, Center School-house Debt,	1,000 00
Carberry Case Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	701 95
Five Stand Pipes " Order " " No. 244,	79 39
State Tax, E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	1,137 50
Penalty on Returns, E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, R. S. Chap. 84, Sec. 37,	8 00
State Aid Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	744 00
Firemen's Hats " Order " " No. 34,	50 00
Chestnut St. Ex. " " " " No. 168,	640 00
" " " Orders of Road Com.	110 00
Glendale Road (proper) Dept., Orders of Road Commissioners,	99 33
Enforcement of Law Dept., Orders of Selectmen,	18 50
Summit Avenue " " Road Com.,	226 47
North Main Street " " " "	999 14
Depot " " " " "	651 42
Pleasant " " " " "	94 00
Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1896,	6,226 07
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	\$46,842 17

February 2, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts for 1896, and find that they agree with the vouchers on file.

WILLIAM R. MANN, }  
 FRED D. LONG, } *Auditors.*

The various departments with which accounts have been opened during the year 1896, show the following condition January 1, 1897.

School Supt. Dept., credit.....	\$33 00
Fire Dept., pay of firemen, credit.....	121 48
Water Fountains and Hydrant Dept., credit.....	38 37
South Main Street Dept., credit.....	73 61
Glendale Road Extension Dept., credit.....	12 05
Fire Alarm Dept., now in use, (appropriation exhausted)	
“ “ Extension Dept., credit.....	50 00
Walnut St. Extension Dept., (appropriation exhausted)	
Almshouse Repairs Dept., credit.....	57 28
Military Aid Dept., credit.....	40 00
Memorial Day Dept., (appropriation exhausted).....	
Care of Town Clock Dept., (appropriation exhausted)	
Carberry Case Dept., credit.....	4 00
Fire Stand Pipes Dept., credit.....	20 61
Firemen's Hats Dept., (appropriation exhausted).....	
Snow Dept., credit.....	301 42
Chestnut Street Extension Dept., (appropriation exhausted).....	
Glendale Road (proper) Dept., credit.....	67
Street Lighting Dept., credit.....	135 25
Enforcement of Law Dept., credit.....	240 50
Town Officers' Salary Dept., credit.....	406 42
Sidewalk Dept., credit.....	180 63
Fire Dept., incidentals, credit.....	26 39
Summit Avenue Dept., credit.....	1 03
North Main Street Dept., credit.....	86
Depot Street Dept., credit.....	9 16
Pleasant Street Dept., credit....	106 00
Interest Dept., credit.....	239 84
Public Library Dept., credit.....	178 75
School Repairs and Incidental Dept., credit.....	67 24
Water Dept., credit.....	86 82
School Salary Dept., credit.....	1,437 93
Highway Dept., (appropriation exhausted).....	
Poor Dept., credit.....	184 90
School Text Book and Supply Dept., credit.....	195 17

Miscellaneous Dept., credit.....	1,021 95
Town House and Grounds Dept., credit.....	107 90
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	\$5,379 23

## THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES:

Trustees Sharon Friend School Fund.....	\$2,360 00
“     Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Fund	2,550 00
“     Public Library Drake Fund.....	300 00
“     “     “     Perkins Fund.....	500 00
Emeline Hardy.....	600 00
Aimee J. Howard.....	700 00
Joel P. Hewins.....	2,300 00
Hannah G. Cowell.....	200 00
Canton Savings Institution.....	11,500 00
State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co.....	9,000 00
Oliver H. Green.....	2,000 00
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	\$32,010 00

The Water Bonds due from the town besides the

\$10,000 00 about to be issued, amount to \$40,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS,

*Town Treasurer.*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan'y 1	Marion Louise Frye, . . .	Frank H. and Mary F.
" 22	Joseph B. Cole, . . . . .	Bartlett and Lizzie G.
Feb'y 2	Edna Bertha Parker . . .	Milton and M. Bertha.
" 12	Arthur Alexander McLean,	Hugh J. and Isabella.
Mar. 14	Annie Keohane . . . . .	John and Hannah M.
" 19	Tjitske J. DeVries, . . . .	John and Grietie V.
April 5	Louis Alexander Seaver, .	Louis A. and Margaret J.
" 14	Violet E. Hopkins, . . . .	Edward E. and Maria L.
" 29	Agnes Helen Hearld . . .	William and Grace.
May 16	Doris Bowman . . . . .	A. Lincoln and Lucy.
" 17	Dorothy Malcolm Burnham,	Fred R. and Margaret M.
" 26	William Joseph O'Leary,	Jeremiah and Julia.
June 5	Gladys Irene Andrews . .	Frank B. and Hattie M.
July 8	Donald H. Watts . . . . .	Edwin S. and Clara I.
" 22	William Joseph Boler, . . .	Frank P. and Mary.
Aug. 2	Bertha Ames Farnham . .	Elmer E. and Mary A.
" 6	Jennie G. Smith . . . . .	Sidney P. and Josie.
" 18	Martin Gibbens, . . . . .	John and Mary.
Sept. 1	— Lacy, . . . . .	— and Alice A.
" 8	Annie Gudney Lambine, .	Martin and Annie.
Oct. 5	— Drake, . . . . .	John.
Nov. 6	Elizabeth Roche, . . . .	William and Katherine.
" 17	Frederic Trowt Bailey . .	Arthur A. and Minnie C
Dec. 3	Eva Dorothy Peterson, .	Frank and Selma D.
" 9	Esther Helen McLean, .	William J. and Jessie R.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED 1896.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 1	Thomas C. Prue Katie Downey.	Sharon Sharon	Belmont Sharon
7	Frederic E. Eaton Mabel (Dewing) Kennedy.	Natick E. Jefferson, Me.	Everett E. Jefferson, Me.
12	Robert J. Moore, Sarah E. (Manning) Burnett.	Canton Sharon	England Dover, Kentucky
Feb 12	William J. Potter Elliese (Perin) Robinson.	Boston Sharon	England Putnam, Conn.
Mar 22	Dennis Desmond Cora M. Morse.	Sharon Sharon	Fitchburg Sharon
May 3	William H. Fish Laura E. (Felt) Comey.	Boston Sharon	Delhi, N. H. Sharon
J'ne 26	Stillman Dunakin Helen I. (Fuller) Cornell.	Sharon Sharon	Canton England
Sep. 2	Edmund Hawes Talbot Edna Jeannette Betts.	Sharon Los Angeles, Cal	Sharon —
23	William B. Holmes Caroline P. Bowden.	Sharon So. Boston	No. Easton So. Boston
28	Adolphe P. D. Piquet Mary C. Stone.	Boston Sharon	Hoboken, N. J. Sharon
Oct. 3	Bert L. Clement Emma J. (Sears) Farnham.	Sharon Nashua, N. H.	E. Lyndeboro, N. H. New Brunswick

# DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF SHARON, REGISTERED IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 6	Samuel D. Hitchcock	81	10	..	Dementia and Old Age.
20	Eugene Powers	..	..	13	Marasmus.
25	Ella McMillen	15	5	..	Peritonitis.
26	Susan B. Jones	65	5	18	Heart Disease with Dropsy.
27	John H. Doyle	23	11	9	Consumption.
Feb. 2	George H. Porter	55	1	..	Cancer.
4	Edith E. Swanson	..	7	3	Marasmus.
Mar. 7	Lydia Dorr	80	7	..	Dislocation of Cervical Vertebra.
14	Marian Morse	57	5	..	Pneumonia.
18	Ellen M. Burnham	50	11	..	Phthisis.
27	Addie Heffner	..	5	..	Bronchitis.
Apr. 17	Esther J. Wilson	1	..	23	Meningitis.
26	Charles J. Pond	34	11	..	Pulmonary Consumption.
May 2	Clara E. Morton	32	8	..	Tuberculosis.
13	Lura V. Colburn	37	8	20	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
14	Laura A. Cobbett	71	4	20	Intestinal Hemorrhage.
15	Sara E. Wolkins	22	7	13	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
26	Emily A. Aspinwall	58	8	..	Pneumonia.
29	Benjamin O. Canhan	..	5	..	Low Vitality.
June 1	William McCole	..	1	..	Low Vitality.
3	Ethel McInners	..	4	..	Marasmus.
21	Michael J. Richardson	30	..	..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
23	George S. Cook	58	5	23	Paresis.
29	Frederic W. Brackett	28	5	21	Drowning.
29	Thomas J. Parker	11	10	..	"
29	Benjamin B. Gibbs	11	4	2	"
29	William A. F. Fatkins	10	10	8	"
29	Harry G. Leaker	10	10	..	"
30	Maud Tenney	21	1	17	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
July 26	Catherine Flagg	89	3	..	Apoplexy.
Aug. 1	Lyman Plimpton	83	..	6	Heart Disease.
2	Lucy Clapp	73	..	..	Valvular Disease of the Heart.
4	David B. Hagar	76	3	13	Cardiac HyperthoePHY Nephritis.
10	Delia Doyle	21	8	..	Acute Melancholia.
13	Helen J. Erickson	2	1	..	Microbe Diarrhoea.
15	Violet Hopkins	..	4	..	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 9	Gladys I. Andrews	..	3	4	"
13	Tjitske J. De Vries	..	5	24	Marasmus.
14	Mary B. Sullivan	..	4	24	Spasms.
Oct. 11	Catherine L. Brown	26	6	..	Tuberculosis.
28	Dexter Packard	62	2	..	Heart Disease.
30	Harriet Holmes	81	..	23	Gastric Catarrh.
Nov. 1	Michael Cronan	..	7	2	Pertaisis.
Dec. 22	Clarissa L. Brown	69	4	..	Pneumonia.
27	William Brooks	86	4	..	Old Age.

## BURIALS FROM OTHER TOWNS, 1896.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			TOWN.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 15	Nelson Johnson	67	11	29	Boston.
Mar. 10	Heman Clarke	76			Hyde Park.
23	Nellie M. Cobb	83			Tewksbury.
29	Hattie L. Breslyn	22	4		Canton.
June 9	Samuel L. Braman	61	4		Brooklyn, N. Y.
14	Sarah Smith	86	7	1	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 27	Fanny E. Gage	47	3	18	Medford.

GEO. H. WHITTEMORE,

*Town Clerk.*

## TOWN MEETINGS, 1895.

March 2. Annual Election, Thos. Decatur, moderator.  
 May 20. Special meeting. W. H. Delano, "  
 Oct. 5. " " " " "  
 Nov. 3. State Election, Oliver H. Green, Presiding Officer.

## DOG LICENSES, 1896.

Males, 156 at \$2.00.....	\$312 00	
Females, 16 at \$5.00.....	80 00	
		\$392 00
Less 172 fees at .20.....	34 40	
" 2 returns at \$1.00.....	2 00	
" Oaths.....	40	
		36 80
Amount returned to County.....	\$355 20	

GEO. H. WHITTEMORE,

*Town Clerk*

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT, JAN. 1, 1897.

SILAS POOLE, COLLECTOR, DR.

To amount of taxes as by warrant of Selectmen, Sept.

1, 1896.....	\$20,041 42
Oct. 24, 4 additional poll taxes.....	8 00
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	\$20,049 42

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By cash paid to Treasurer, S. W. Billings.....	10,294 19
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Balance uncollected.....	\$9,755 23
	SILAS POOLE,
	<i>Collector.</i>

## TAX OF 1894

Balance due Jan. 1, 1896.....	\$419 77
Paid Town Treasurer.....	258 05
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Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1897.....	\$161 72

## TAX OF 1895.

Balance due Jan. 1, 1896.....	\$9,412 34
Paid Town Treasurer.....	8,553 41
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Uncollected Jan. 1, 1897.....	\$858 93



## Engineers' Report.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN,—In making our report for the year 1896, we are pleased to state that the loss of buildings by fire has been small compared with other years, only three being recorded, and these were beyond the reach of effective service of the department.

As the water service extends over the town so should the alarm system follow its lead, and we recommend a signal box to be placed on East St., that portion of the town being unguarded and much property exposed.

It would seem that a misunderstanding has been current among our citizens concerning the right to pull in an alarm without first reporting to the Engineers. We would say that the keys to signal boxes are so distributed, with the intention that any one may sound the call for assistance when needed, without loss of time.

The department is in good working condition, the men respond promptly to calls, also showing interest in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. HOLBROOK, *Chief.*

WALTER H. DELANO, *Asst.*

GEORGE H. MANN, *Clerk.*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Long Bros., oil, supplies, &c.,	\$ 4 43	
Fred. A. White, 3 fire alarm posts,	7 50	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 8 fire alarm key boxes,	4 80	
Otis S. Tolman, clearing around hy- drants,	4 50	
C. E. Howard, wood,	4 25	
N. E. Gamewell Co., cleaning bell striker,	\$4 25	
N. E. Gamewell Co., material and work on fire alarm,	8 40	
N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies fire alarm,	19 85	
	<hr/>	32 50
D. W. Pettee, supplies,	1 37	
E. E. Naramore, pay roll,	386 02	
W. P. Malley, cash paid for ex. on hats,	1 00	
Sharon Enterprise, adv. list of boxes,	2 10	
Geo. H. Tucker, stock and labor boxing fire alarm at Town House,	10 49	
C. S. Curtis, repairs on hose house,	1 00	
Addison W. Andrews, use of horse and carriage,	1 50	
Beattie Zinc Works Co., 12 new star zinc,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$464 46

## FIREMEN'S HAT DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. S. Jackson, 10 firemen's hats,	\$50 00
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## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF MARCH 2, '96.

Paid Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co., 1 extra fire alarm box, put in in 1895,	\$125 00	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co., 2 extra fire alarm boxes and running wire to lake,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$375 00

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health have but a brief report to present, as the favorable health conditions that have prevailed in the town during the year have required but little service from the Board.

Two cases of diphtheria, in a mild form, were reported, and due precaution against the spread of the disease taken.

Several complaints regarding alleged nuisances were investigated, and arrangements amicably made for their abatement.

Early in January it was reported to the Board that a fatal disease had appeared among swine in several places in town. An investigation was made and the Cattle Commissioners consulted, who pronounced the disease to be Hog Cholera.

Measures were at once taken to properly bury the swine that had died of the disease and disinfect contaminated premises as far as possible.

G. M. COOLIDGE,  
H. F. MAXWELL.

Feb. 1st, 1897.

## LIST OF JURORS.

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN OF SHARON, JAN. 25, 1897.

George W. Miller, Carpenter, County street.  
 Frank P. Baker, Superintendent, E. Foxboro street.  
 Silas Poole, Collector, N. Main street.  
 Henry L. Naramore, Manufacturer, Depot street.  
 Cyrus A. Noyes, Builder, Cottage street.  
 John A. Larnard, Farmer, N. Main street.  
 Chas. T. Derry, Jr., Laborer, Pond street.  
 Dan'l L. Drew, Clerk, Cedar street.  
 Chas. M. Smith, Farmer, E. Foxboro street.  
 William B. Holmes, Farmer, Bay street.  
 George B. Fowler, Merchant, N. Main street.  
 George H. Burkett, Manufacturer, Mann's hill.  
 Robert Hamilton, Innholder, Billings street.  
 Edgar H. Andrews, Clerk, Cottage street.  
 Arthur K. Brown, retired, Pleasant street.  
 William D. Glover, Carpenter, S. Main street.  
 Sumner L. Mayhew, Carpenter, N. Main street.  
 Thos. Decatur, retired, Highland avenue.

OLIVER H. GREEN,  
 BENJ. GANNETT,  
 CHAS. M. SMITH,

*Selectmen.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DORCHESTER AND SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

Amount of fund in our hands, \$2,550, in a town note at 6 per cent. Received as interest on the above to Jan. 1, 1897, \$153, and paid the same to the Town Treasurer.

JOSEPH GODDARD,  
*For the Trustees.*

SHARON, Feb. 10, 1897.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SHARON FRIEND SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of the fund is \$2360, and the Trustees hold a note of the Town Treasurer for that amount. The interest for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, \$141 60, has been received and paid to the Town Treasurer for the support of schools.

D. W. PETTEE,  
*For the Trustees.*

SHARON, Feb. 12, 1897.

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## Auditors' Report.

*To the Selectmen of Sharon :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Auditors have examined the accounts of the various departments of the Town, and have certified to the correctness of the accounts, as proved by vouchers to the same.

We do not feel called upon under the circumstances to formulate any further report, for the Treasurers of the several departments, as well as the Town Treasurer, will cover the whole ground in their reports.

WILLIAM R. MANN,  
FRED D. LONG,  
*Auditors.*

SHARON, February 8, 1897.



## Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

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The Trustees of the Public Library, in making their annual report, can only express their satisfaction at the continued appreciation of the advantages of the Library, shown by our townspeople, and by our summer visitors, the latter class frequently expressing their gratification at finding a library so well equipped in a town of this size of Sharon.

The aim of the Trustees is to meet the wishes of the public as far as their resources render it practicable, and at the same time to raise the standard of tone in the reading matter furnished, but they cannot accomplish this without the co-operation of the readers. It is a difficult position to occupy, as it is impossible to meet all tastes and views; and it is obvious that while some may feel that the lighter reading should give way to more solid works, the Trustees are not warranted in expending the fund at their disposal for volumes which would be called for by the few, and disregard the request of the many, for the more popular class of reading.

During the year there were about one thousand more volumes loaned than in 1895; but the increase being almost wholly in the line of Fiction and Juvenile, and due possibly to the gradual growth of the town, and the loans in the class of Language and Literature showing a decrease this year of 13 per cent., your Trustees cannot feel that there has been any degree of change in the tastes of the reading public. 277 volumes have been added to the Library, among which are many works of great value and merit.

The extra copies of magazines which are furnished for the use of the Reading Room, are donated finally to the Town Farm, thus furnishing this department with excellent and instructive reading.

On April 21st Mr. E. E. Naramore, having decided to remove from Sharon, tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, and on May 9th at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the Library

Trustees, Mr. George H. Mann was chosen to fill the vacancy until the next March meeting.

Directing attention to the report of the Librarian, for details of the condition of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
For the Trustees,  
W. O. ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

Whole number of volumes,	4,663
Accessions during the year,	277
Number of books loaned,	11,361
Agriculture,	58
Biography,	187
Fiction,	6,791
History,	280
Juvenile,	2,397
Language and Literature,	1,126
Science,	229
Travel and Description,	293

EMMA A. BAKER,  
*Librarian.*

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS, TREASURER.

DR.

To balance, January 1, 1896.....	\$203 66	
Chas. H. Smith, County Treasurer, balance of dog license.....	337 20	
Income of legacy of Eliza G. Perkins, H. Alberta Felt, Sec'y.....	25 00	
Income of legacy of Russell Drake, H. Alberta Felt, Sec'y.....	15 00	
Fines and sales of catalogues, Emma A. Baker, librarian.....	40 00	
		\$620 86

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By Emma A. Baker, salary, librarian, 1 year..	\$112	50
“ “ expressage and other sundries .....	2	80
D. W. Pettee, sundries.....	3	38
Withington & Lowe, 1 lamp.....	3	75
Dennison Mfg. Co., 1 doz. gums and mail charge.....		82
Emily F. Capen, type-writing 25 titles and duplicates .....	3	10
Library Bureau, merchandise.....	2	80
Little, Brown & Co., books, sundry bills..	228	06
H. H. Sampson, magazines for 1896.....	31	65
Wm. P. Mitchell, adm.....	2	25
Frederick Eeles & Co., binding and expressage .....	19	40
Wm. H. Guild & Co., magazines for 1897	31	60
Balance January 1, 1897.....	178	75
		<hr/> \$620 86

The amount of the bequests for Public Library is the Perkins Legacy of \$500.00 and the Drake Legacy of \$300.00. The income has been applied as requested by the donors.

Respectfully submitted,

SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS,

*Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

TO DECEMBER 31, 1896.

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*To the Citizens of Sharon:—*

Your Board of Water Commissioners submit the following as their report for the year ending December 31, 1896.

During the year the pipes have been extended through Glendale road, East street and Beach street to McElroy's Hotel, all extensions being made with six inch pipe and at a time when we have been enabled to take advantage of a very low price on all material used. Details of the work will be found in the annexed report of the Superintendent.

At the March Town Meeting your Board recommended that they be authorized to investigate in relation to putting in duplicate machinery and after considerable investigation as to location and machines, they, at a special meeting of the town, Oct. 7, made a report and asked the Town to issue its bonds for \$10,000.00, the privilege to issue same having been granted by the Legislature.

The town by a unanimous vote voted to issue the bonds and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to use the proceeds of the sale of same to build a Pump House, procure pump and boiler and such other machinery as would be necessary and to use part, if necessary, in extending the service. Your Board have given the matter careful study and during their investigations have visited Bradford, Rockport, North Cambridge and all the pumping stations in our immediate vicinity.

The Board secured the services as architect, of William Whitney Lewis, of Boston, who was very highly recommended to them.

After receiving bids from various pump companies and builders, the contract for the pump was awarded to the Deane Steam Pump Co., of Holyoke, for \$4,300.00 and the building of the Pump House to Cyrus A. Noyes, of Sharon, for \$4,189.00, and at this time the work on the Pump House is going forward and your Commissioners expect that when the work is finished, the Town will have a pumping plant that will be first-class in every respect, and a credit to the town.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Sharon :—*

GENTLEMEN :—The following is the report of the Superintendent for the year 1896, which is respectfully submitted.

No. of services in use Jan. 1, 1896	212
“ “ added during the year,	18

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Total number in use Jan, 1, 1897	230
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There has been but one leak in the main pipe, which was quickly repaired.

Three standpipes for use in filling the watering cart have been erected as follows :—One at the junction of No. Main and Pond streets ; one on Cottage, cor. Billings street ; one on Chestnut near cor. South Main street.



## Schedule of Pipes and Fixtures Laid to Jan. 1, 1897.

Name of Street.	Lengths and Size Cement Pipe Laid.		Length and Size Wrought Iron Pipe Laid.				Length and Size Cast Iron Pipe Laid.		Size of Gates Set.						No Hydrants Laid and Connect'n		No. & Size of Blow- Offs.	
	4 in.	6 in.	1½	1½	2	4	4 in.	6 in.	1	1½	2	3	4	6	4	6	1	2
Ames.....		1442											2	2	2		1	
Billings.....							1470	228					1	1	3			
Cottage .....		2085					507						1		1	1	1	
Cedar.....								269						1				
Chestnut East..					573			309			1			1		1		
Chestnut West..					525						1							
Com'wealth Av			331	125					1									
Depot.....					1043			1847			1			4	3			
East .....					40						1							
Glendale Road.								560						1				
Hewins .....								249						1				
Highland .....				342	367			160	1	1				1				
Highland Ave..					360					1								
Main North....							1324	730					2	2	3		1	
Main South....							806	1521					1	2	2	1		
Maple Ave....					317			514			1		1	1	1	2		
Pond .....	1316	8169					880	1218				1	2	7	8		1	2
Pleasant .....					529			872	195		1			1	1			
Quincy.....					235													
Summer .....					245						1							
Summit .....				7	436	448		387	1	2				1		1		
Tolman .....							1158								2			
Woodland.....				113	321				1	1							1	
Walnut .....								434						1				
Wood .....							96						1					
To Hydrants							295	56										
Total .....	1316	11696	331	587	4991	448	7408	8737	1	3	12	1	13	27	26	6	3	4

## Pipe Laid During 1896.

NAME OF STREET.	Wrought Iron.	Cast Iron.		Gates Set.		Hydrants Size Connection.
	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	4 in.	6 in.	6 in.
Ames .....			363			
Beach .....			1410		1	
Cedar (Pleasant View) .....			96			
Cedar, off So. Main St. ....			195			1
Chestnut West .....			157			
Depot.....	178					
East.....		34	1996	1	1	3
Glendale Road .....			1321		1	2
Walnut .....			334			2
Wood.....		14		1		
Discontinued .....	(187)					
To Hydrants .....			76			
Total .....	178	48	5948	2	3	7

Total No. of feet in use January 1st, 1897, 41,688—7 miles, 4,728 feet.

"	"	Gates	"	"	"	60.
"	"	Hydrants	"	"	"	39.
"	"	Blow-Offs	"	"	"	7.

No. and Location of Hydrants.		Size of Connection
No. 1.	At Pumping Station	4
2.	On Depot St., cor. Pleasant	4
3.	Pleasant St., opposite A. K. Brown's	4
4.	North Main St., cor. Commonwealth Ave.	4
5.	" " " Highland	4
6.	" " " High	4
7.	" " " Depot	4
8.	South " " Station	4
9.	" " front Town Hall	4
10.	Chestnut St., near Long Bros.' Store	6
11.	Pond St., front of Dr. C. T. Chase's	4
12.	Maple Ave., cor. Pond	4
13.	Pond St., front S. A. Wight's	4
14.	" cor. Woodland	4
15.	" " East	4
16.	" near Mrs. W. B. Potter's	4
17.	" " Sucker Brook	4
18.	Massapoag St., East end Massapoag Hotel	4
19.	" West " " "	4
20.	Billings St., front S. D. Eddy's	4
21.	" cor. Summit	4
22.	" front S. A. Stone's	4
23.	Tolman St., " E P. Davis'	4
24.	" near cor. Cottage	4
25.	Cottage St., near Clarissa Dunakin's	6
26.	" " H. S. Shepard's barn	4
27.	Ames St., front Hose House	4
28.	" " A. N. Davenport's	4
29.	Summit St., front G. N. Woodbridge's	6
30.	Maple Ave., " S. I. Carpenter's	6
31.	South Main St., front O. E. Harwood's	6
32.	" " cor. Cedar	6
33.	Glendale Road, opp. E. J. Horace's	6
34.	" " near L. E. Sage's	6
35.	Walnut St., cor. Pleasant	6
36.	" " Wood	6
37.	Cedar St., opp. E. J. McElroy's Hotel	6
38.	East St., 200 feet south of G. R. Mann's	6
39.	" front W. R. Mann's	6

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. FARNHAM, *Supt.*

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Balance January 1, 1896..... \$41,419 78

## EXPENDITURES,—

McNeal Pipe & Foundry Co., pipe....	\$458 04
Boston Lead Manfg. Co., lead pipe....	104 57
Chadwick Lead Works, pipe.....	2 65
Chapman Valve Manfg. Co., gates....	22 42
Builders Iron Foundry, plugs .....	37 62
The Geo. Woodman Co., couplings and plugs.....	31 31
Sumner and Goodwin Co., coup. cocks.	8 75
Hays Manfg. Co., gate boxes .....	18 25
A. W. Morgan Manfg. Co., No. 6 base.	13 20
Chapman Valve Manfg. Co., hydrants..	101 74
“ “ “ valve.....	5 65
Pettee & Colburn, sundries.....	15 51
Chapman Valve Manfg. Co., valves....	6 46
McNeal Pipe & Foundry Co., pipe....	1,335 82
Chapman Valve Manfg. Co., hydrants..	89 14
Boston Lead Manfg. Co., lead.....	132 00
Builders Iron Foundry, plugs, &c.....	36 08
A. W. Morgan Manfg. Co., water base.	28 60
Boston Lead Manfg. Co., lead pipe....	18 04
Builders Iron Foundry sluices.....	11 41
A. W. Andrews, teaming.....	4 25
Knowles Steam Pump Co., valve springs	16 00
Chapman Valve Manfg. Co., valves....	1 84
Daniel Donelson, carting.....	50
O. H. Derry, sharpening tools, etc....	4 35
C. E. Brymer, carting.....	1 40
H. F. Leonard, carting.....	27 43
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight bills..	278 25
Pay rolls.....	1,410 99

\$4,222 27

Less amount received for stand

pipes for water cart..... \$79 39  
Sundry items, pipe, etc., sold..... 20 96

100 35

4,121 92

Construction account Jan. 1, 1897.....

\$45,541 70

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Paid E. P. Clapp, lumber.....	\$ 11 02
Hartford Steam Boiler & Insurance Co., insurance.....	30 00
Morss & Whyte, wire netting.....	18 36
A. W. Morgan Manfg. Co., bolt.....	1 20
Staples Coal Co., coal.....	367 26
H. Mueller Manfg. Co., drill.....	3 54
W. P. Malley, bolts, tools, &c.....	21 05
Pettee & Colburn, sundries.....	11 31
Peerless Rubber Co., packing.....	8 50
The Geo. Woodman Co., packing and hose.....	4 92
H. F. Leonard, carting.....	23 12
The Geo. Woodman Co., sundries ....	14 50
Pettee & Colburn, sundries.....	75 74
E. E. Farnham, salary.....	660 00
J. K. Christopher, drip pan.....	1 00
A. W. Andrews, teaming and use of team.....	8 60
A. R. Gay & Co., letter file.....	75
E. F. Bacheller, printing and envelopes.	7 50
Otto Hedrick, labor on stand pipe....	50
C. E. Brymer, carting.....	50
H. F. Leonard, carting and freight....	29 70
L. W. Morse, wood.....	2 75
Expenses to Bradford, Rockport and No. Cambridge.....	8 52
C. G. Coggins, lumber.....	94
Burdett & Williams, tape measure....	3 50
W. P. Malley, sundries.....	11 35
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R., freight bills.....	99 03
Postages and expresses.....	6 95
Pay rolls.....	91 42
Interest on \$20,000.00 1 year at 6 per cent.....	1,200 00
Interest on \$21,000.00 1 year at 4 per cent.....	840 00
	<hr/> \$3,563 53

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Sundry items sold.....	8 60
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	\$3,554 93
Jan. 1, 1896, Balance on hand.....	\$2,135 21

## RECEIPTS.

Water Rates.....	\$3,988 46
Town of Sharon, hydrants.....	1,600 00
“ “ fountains.....	40 00
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	5,628 46
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	\$7,763 67
Construction account.....	\$4,121 92
Maintenance account.....	3,554 93
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	7,676 85
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Jan. 1, 1897, Balance in hands of Treas. of Sharon....	\$86 82

Respectfully submitted,

D. WEBSTER PETTEE,

ALBERT D. HOLMES,

*Water Commissioners.*

SHARON, February 1, 1897.

As one of the Water Commissioners and as my name does not appear above with the other two members of the Board, I make the following brief statement :

I objected to building a Pumping Station now firstly, from the fact that it got to be freezing weather before it was decided to build a Pumping Station ; knowing that a structure built of brick and mortar in the middle of winter would not be considered by competent judges, worth two-thirds of the cost of building, and a great detriment to the town to have such work to pay for, as I believe it will soon crack and settle.

I also objected to having such an important contract for a public work given out without thoroughly advertising for bids for constructing the plant. The location of the plant in its present site is also objectionable and no exigency has and I don't believe is likely to arise, which necessitates the building of such an expensive structure in all this rush in midwinter.

Time alone can reveal whether I am right or wrong.

OLIVER H. GREEN,

*One of the Water Commissioners.*



Having examined the foregoing cash account of the Clerk of the Water Commissioners, we hereby certify that we find proper vouchers for the receipts, and expenditures correct for the year ending January 1, 1897.

WILLIAM R. MANN, .

FRED. D. LONG,

*Auditors.*

## SHARON WATER WORKS.

## REGULATIONS AND WATER RATES.

The following regulations shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who uses the water :

1. All applications for the use of Water must be made at the office of the Water Commissioners, on the form prescribed, stating truly and fully the various uses to which the water is to be applied, and signed by the owner or agent of the property.

2. Connections and Service Pipes. The Commissioners will make all connections with the mains, and extend the service pipes to the street line, furnishing the pipe and stop-cocks (which pipe and stop-cocks shall remain the property of the town and under its sole control.) All service pipes and fixtures inside the street line shall be put in by the consumer or at his cost.

3. The Water Commissioners reserve the right to refuse to connect with plumbing which has not been examined and approved by their superintendent or agent ; and service pipe laid by takers upon their premises must not be covered until inspected by the agent of the Water Board ; and quality of pipe must be determined by the Commissioners.

4. No alterations in any water pipe or water fixtures whereby the consumption of water is increased, shall be made without giving notice to and obtaining a permit from the Water Commissioners.

No plumber or other person shall make alterations in or additions to any water pipe or fixtures aforesaid, unless the owner or agent shows a permit therefor signed by the Water Commissioners, and then only to the extent stated therein.

5. All persons taking water must provide a stop and waste cock, properly located inside their building, and have their pipes so arranged that the water can be drawn from them in case of danger from frost.

They must keep their own water pipes and all fixtures connected therewith in good repair and protected from frost.

The strength of all pipes used, their protection against freezing, the kind of faucets and other fixtures, the general arrangement of the work in reference to security and safety, and the keeping of all pipes and fixtures in proper repair, shall be in accordance with any directions, either special or general, given by the Water Commissioners.

6. No plumber or any other person except the Superintendent of Water Works shall tap any water main or connect any service pipe therewith, nor shall any plumber or other person turn on or shut off the water from any pipe or hydrant where the stop-cock is not located on his own premises.

7. No water taker will be allowed to supply water to any other persons or families, nor shall any person take or carry away water from any hydrant, watering trough or public fountain without the consent of the Water Commissioners nor after such consent has been withdrawn.

8. There shall be no unnecessary waste of water, either to prevent freezing or for any other cause. All waste-closets must be self-closing.

The use of hose must be confined to the purposes named in the application and to the premises of the taker and the street immediately bordering such premises. It must not be used for filling tanks or reservoirs, or any other domestic purpose whatever.

9. The Water Commissioners, their department officers and assistants, may enter the premises of any water taker supplied with water, between the hours of eight o'clock A. M., and six o'clock P. M., to examine the pipes and fixtures, the quantity of water used and the manner of its use.

10. Parties using meters must measure all the water supplied to the premises on which they are set.

11. When water shall be supplied to more than one party through a single tap, the bill for the whole supply furnished through such tap will be made to the owner of the estate or to some one tenant who shall agree to become responsible therefor.

12. Water rates must be paid at the office of the Water Board.

Those for regular water rates in advance, annually, on the first day of July. Bills for fractional parts of a term on the first day of the month succeeding the letting on of water. Bills for measured and estimated water, quarterly, and all other bills for water, labor and materials on the first day of the month succeeding their contraction.

If bills remain unpaid for one month after they become due, the water will be shut off, and on all bills paid after the water has been shut off, the sum of one dollar, in addition to the bill must be paid before the water will be let on again.

13. No person shall be entitled to damages nor to have any portion of a payment refunded for any stoppage, for purposes of additions or repairs, nor for non-use occasioned by absence, nor for stoppage for any purpose whatever, which in the opinion of the Water Commissioners may be deemed necessary.

14. No fireman or other person, except for the legitimate purpose of extinguishing fires shall open any fire hydrant or stop-cock connected with the fire service, without the consent of the Water Commissioners.

Persons or corporations neglecting or refusing to comply with said Rules and Regulations are liable to have their supply of water cut off.

THE FOLLOWING WATER RATES ARE ESTABLISHED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DWELLING HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet,	\$7 00
Each additional faucet to be used by same family,	2 50
Two or more families occupying one house, one faucet for all, each family,	6 00
One faucet for each family,	7 00
For first bath tub,	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family,	4 00
Each additional bath tub,	2 00
For first self-acting water closet,	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family,	4 00
Each additional self-acting water closet,	2 00
One urinal,	3 00
Each additional urinal,	1 00
In no case shall the charge for the use of water by a private family, exclusive of hose and stable, be more than	25 00
Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, emptying into the same basin, only one charge will be made for both.	

BOARDING HOUSES AND HOTELS.

First faucet,	\$10 00
Each additional faucet,	3 00
First bath tub,	10 00
Each additional bath tub,	3 00
First self-acting water closet,	10 00
Each additional self-acting water closet,	3 00
One urinal,	5 00
Each additional urinal,	2 00

PRIVATE STABLES.

First horse,	\$5 00
Each additional horse,	2 00

Each cow or or ox,	\$1 00
Water carried to stable by hand, for each horse,	2 00
Each cow or ox,	1 00

## LIVERY, EXPRESS AND BOARDING STABLES.

For the first ten horses,	\$15 00
Each additional horse,	1 50
The above prices include water for washing carriages.	

## OFFICES, STORES, MARKETS, BARBER SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS.

When used for ordinary purposes, same as for dwelling houses.

## BUILDING PURPOSES.

Each cask of lime or cement,	05
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## HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch nozzle, to be used only on premises and street opposite, not exceeding two hours per day for six months in the year,	\$5 00
For any use not herein enumerated, special rates will be made.	

The Commissioners will set meters and charge meter rates only when they consider it for the interest of the town to do so.

The first cost of the meters, setting and maintaining the same, to be paid by the consumer.

No bill for metered water will be made out for less than \$20.00 per year per meter.

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## ANTIQUARIAN COMMITTEE.

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*To the Citizens of Sharon:—*

This report of the Antiquarian Committee dates from the year 1888 when the first donation of relics was made to the town, by the heirs of the late Moses Richards. The committee then appointed to procure and take charge of the same were Solomon Talbot, Jonathan R. Packard, and Joel P. Hewins. Mr. Packard of this committee, generously presented a cabinet for their reception, which was placed in what is now used by the patrons of the Public Library as a Reading Room, in the Town Hall.

In the fall of 1895 the first committee was increased by the appointment of the Trustees of the Public Library together with Mrs. Emma A. Bowman, Mrs. Geo. Kempton, and Mr. Geo. H. Whittemore. The work of placing in order, labelling and recording with history all antiques and curios belonging to the town was accomplished during the past year, and many additions of great age and value have been made in the time.

Altho' the collection is not large a fair idea of domestic life, and efforts in art may be gained from it, of a time of which no one living has a memory. It is the purpose of those in charge to make it an interesting feature of the town's attractions.

This brief statement is submitted to awaken an interest and to gain the co-operation of the townspeople in the work of securing for ourselves and our successors, these links to and reminders of the past.

For the Committee,

MARY E. HIXSON,  
*Secretary.*



REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SHARON  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

H. L. NARAMORE, *Chairman*,

S. POOLE, *Secretary*,

HORACE S. SHEPARD,

EMMA A. BAKER,

ARTHUR D. COLBURN,

DORA M. LEONARD.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

EDWARD P. FITTS.



PUZZLE—FIND THE OTHER SWAN  
(LE SAMEDI.)





...as anybody else's.  
Pride must have a fall!  
...them boys managed it! It was  
Jenkins as put 'em up to it. Tim  
...at an electric works in the city, and  
...time home for a week's holiday. It  
was him as done it. What'd he do but  
get six small dynamite cartridges and  
bore holes with a center bit in the six  
biggest marrers.

Then he put in the cartridges, and  
connecks 'em with a 'lectric wire as  
reached to the tother side of Uncle  
Dooley's big garding. Well, the word  
was passed around, and half the village  
was looking over his fence that evening.

"My! they're big 'uns," says one.  
"Uncle's sure o' the prize this year,"  
says another.

"I can't tell how he does it," says a  
third.

All the time Uncle Dooley was makin'  
as though he was tired of hearing these  
remarks passed. He smoked his pipe,  
and looked horty. It was nuts to him  
to hear the naybours praising his mar-  
rers.

There must ha' been 16 of us looking  
over his fence when, bang! went the

## Mr Gargol and Miss Mallone Met for the First Time.

### He Tried to Make an Impression, and Succeeded Admirably.

### But There is No Doubt as to the Nature of It and the Outcome.

Characters: Mr Frank Gargol, a  
healthy, young country idiot, author of  
"Jehosophat's Joke" in the Western  
Weekly Advertiser, guest at dance; Miss  
Agnes Havers, his cousin, ditto; Miss  
Mallone, author of "The Raison d'Etre,  
by Maggle Mart," one of the house.

Scene: Ball room in a country house.  
A detachment of a Hungarian band are  
wheezing the opening bars of the waltz.  
Miss Mallone sitting gazing blankly past  
Mr Gargol, who is pressing towards her  
through the crowd to claim his dance.

Mr Gargol—This is our dance, isn't it?  
Miss Mallone (standing at once and  
making a rapid pretence of consulting  
her program)—Yes. (Remembers their  
first dance an hour before and what a  
prig he seemed; determined to put him  
through his paces.)

Mr Gargol (waltzing with her)—This is  
what I call the "Daddy-long-legs"  
waltz; it always reminds me of a dad-  
dy-long-legs on the window pane.



he fire; otherwise—

first cartridges. Tim Jenkins had con-  
nected the switch, and started like a

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

## School Committee of Sharon.

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In conformity with our legal duty to our constituents, we most respectfully submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1896.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. L. NARAMORE, *Chairman*,  
ARTHUR D. COLBURN,  
DORA M. LEONARD,

SILAS POOLE, *Secretary*,  
EMMA A. BAKER,  
HORACE S. SHEPARD.

### SUPERINTENDENCY.

The district for School Superintendence, comprising the towns of Stoughton, Mansfield and Sharon, is still maintained: and perhaps no better proof is needed of the harmony existing in the district and of the high esteem entertained for our Superintendent than the fact that the District Committee, which is composed of the School Committees of the three towns, at their annual meeting in Sharon in April, unanimously reelected Edward P. Fitts District Superintendent, for the sixth consecutive year.

### SCHOOLS.

The number of schools in town is eight, viz., High, Grammar, Intermediate and Primary, in the Centre; and the North, East, South and West.

The Centre School buildings were painted last summer, which very much improves their appearance.

Our school buildings are all in very good condition.

Your Committee has, for two years, bought the coal for the schools, some 50 tons each year, on the cars at Fall River, thus saving fully ten per cent. of the cost.

While we believe in the principle of "Patronizing home industry," we consider that the highest realization of that prin-

ciple is attained by the course we have adopted, which contributes to the benefit of every tax-payer in town.

We have been blest for the past year with almost total exemption from visitations of contagious diseases, excepting mild forms of whooping cough.

TEACHERS.

The teachers employed at the close of the year were as follows :—

*High,*

MR. H. S. FREEMAN.

*Grammar,*

MISS IRENE E. HATHAWAY.

*Intermediate,*

MISS H. ALBERTA FELT.

*Primary,*

MISS BESSIE M. GETCHELL.

*North,*

MISS FLORENCE DEANE.

*East,*

MISS MARY A. LEARY.

*South,*

MISS AIMEE J. HOWARD.

*West.*

MISS MARION GEE.

*Supervisor of Music,*

MRS. ELIZABETH M. COOK.

*Supervisor of Drawing,*

MISS GRACE E. SOUTHWORTH.

Of changes we have had the same as last year, four ; although this year they were in four schools, the High, Intermediate, Primary and West, while last year three of them were in the Intermediate.

Notwithstanding some of our very excellent teachers resigned this year, we believe the changes we were thus compelled to

make were not nearly as harmful as were those made last year, for we have been exceptionally fortunate this year in obtaining good teachers to fill vacancies, for which we are largely indebted to the faithful perseverance and good judgment of our Superintendent.

#### MUSIC.

The Supervisor of Music has continued her work through the year with untiring zeal, and we have a corps of teachers who seem able and willing to second her efforts, producing good results; but we are anxious to see a nearer approach to the line of perfection in this beautiful art, which is so conducive to happiness and such an incentive to patriotism.

We cannot forbear to express our sadness at the loss to our country and the world by the death during the year of Dr. Luther Whiting Mason, of Boston, the distinguished author of our music charts and music books. He had an international reputation as the foremost composer of music especially adapted to the needs of children. He has gone, but his faithful work of 50 years is left behind to enlighten the minds and gladden the hearts of generations yet unborn.

On account of a long acquaintance with a member of our Committee, he kindly offered to visit, and did visit six of our schools only a few months before he died, and his valuable advice and genial manner at that time will be treasured by many as a precious memory.

#### DRAWING.

We employed a Supervisor of Drawing at the commencement of the fall term, who has taken hold of her work with energy and interest, and the pupils have made commendable progress under her supervision.

#### PATRIOTISM.

In compliance with sec. 1 of chap. 181 of the Legislative Acts of 1895, we have kept flags displayed in all of the school-houses continually and outside when it seemed proper.

This is attended with some expense, but we feel that the benefits derived warrant it.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

We estimate the amounts that will be required for the coming year as follows :—

For salaries, care of buildings and fuel . . . . .	\$3,700 00
For support of Superintendent . . . . .	180 00
For text books and supplies . . . . .	350 00
For repairs and incidentals . . . . .	300 00
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Total . . . . .	\$4,530 00
Last year . . . . .	4,630 00

Appended are the following reports: Town Treasurer on school expenditure, Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor of Music, Supervisor of Drawing and the Truant Officer—all of which are hereby made a part of the report of this Committee.

## CONCLUSION.

To those who are not fully satisfied with the course of study adopted in our High School, we would say that we have made careful investigation to ascertain if it were practicable to make changes which would make the course more satisfactory.

The present course is approved by the State Board of Education. Any other course that has been suggested would not be so approved.

The status of a pupil graduating from our High School, having taken our present course, would, consequently, be far better, whether the pupil wished to advance in higher institutions of learning or seek employment where some education is a prerequisite, than if he had taken a course *not* approved by the State Board of Education.

We very much deplore the low average attendance in some of our schools, notably the West, where it is only about 75 per cent., or 30 weeks, the minimum amount required by law for all between 8 and 14 years of age.

This being the average attendance at that school, it is apparent that some must have fallen very much short of the legal 30 weeks, and thereby become liable to heavy fines. We are not aware that there has been any special sickness prevailing in that



part of the town as a palliation for the neglect to send children to school. We sincerely hope that every parent will endeavor to make the record appear much better the coming year.

H. L. NARAMORE, *Chairman*,  
 SILAS POOLE, *Secretary*,  
 ARTHUR D. COLBURN,  
 EMMA A. BAKER,  
 DORA M. LEONARD,  
 HORACE S. SHEPARD.

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## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

*To the School Committee of Sharon :*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully submit for your consideration my sixth annual report of the condition of the schools of Sharon for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

While this report is presented to you, we are very well aware that it, or such parts of it as may meet your approval, will also be presented to the town.

While most of it will be of local interest, there are problems which we have to meet which are being solved by other communities, and some of the facts are made the basis of the reports of the State Board of Education and of the U. S. Commissioner of Education. However small we may be, it is true that we do not live to ourselves alone, but we form one of a great body, whose interests are closely interlinked. For future reference, and for ease in making comparisons, we deem it best to follow the same plan of making out statistics year by year, even at the risk of lacking in variety in the report.

### STATISTICS.

Number enrolled,	265
Average membership,	202.04
Average attendance,	181.57
Number attending between five and fifteen,	241
Number attending between eight and fourteen,	144
Number over fifteen,	23
Number under five	1

By Schools.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
High,	18.6	16.18
Grammar,	34.6	31.9
Intermediate,	39.7	37.4
Primary,	49	44.5
North,	12.26	10.61
East,	15.5	14.4
South,	7.97	7.25
West,	24.41	19.33

Time lost by reason of tardiness and dismissals during the year :

High,	14 hrs. 11 min.
Grammar,	62 " 31 "
Intermediate,	70 " 20 "
Primary,	37 " 05 "
North,	22 " 32 "
East,	7 " 15 "
South,	23 " 41 "
West,	157 " 21 "
Total,	394 " 56 "

TABLE SHOWING GRADES AND NUMBER IN EACH,  
DECEMBER, 1896.

SCHOOL.	GRADES.												Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Grammar . . . . .						12	15	17					44
Intermediate . . . . .			16	14	16								46
Primary . . . . .	36	15											51
North . . . . .	5	2		3		4		3					17
East . . . . .	4			5		3		3					15
South . . . . .	2	2	2					2					8
West . . . . .	4	4	3		5	3							19
High . . . . .									5	6	6		17
Total . . . . .	51	23	21	22	21	22	15	25	5	6	6		217

## COMMENTS ON THE STATISTICS.

In the number enrolled, in average membership, in average attendance, in number attending, and in total membership, at the close of the fall term, we are behind the record of last year, excepting in the Grammar School, which has a few more pupils in attendance, owing to the fact that there are three full grades in the school. We have lost more time, by reason of dismissions and tardiness, than last year, a total of nearly fourteen weeks, which, reckoned at the lowest rate of wages, would be a money loss of over one hundred dollars to the town.

Now there must be some cause for these losses. When the number enrolled is smaller, it would naturally follow that all the other figures would be smaller. So far as my information goes, the Truant Officer has done his duty faithfully, and all pupils of school age are at school when their health and the weather will permit. We must, then, come to the conclusion that there are a less number of pupils in town than we are accustomed to have.

We can account for the loss in average membership, because of the prevalence of contagious diseases, which have compelled many to give up work for a season. The diseases have not only told upon the numbers in school, but they have interfered most seriously with the work of the pupils. In some schools at my regular visits it would seem as if nearly half of the school were absent, and when these were able to return a new set took their places, so that the lessons have of necessity had to be repeated over and over again, and then not as good results have been obtained as would have been had no interruptions occurred.

It is a serious loss which has come to the West School, where the number is just one half what it was last December, and the time lost by tardiness and dismissions is a very large part of the loss of the whole town. It is true that many of the children have long distances to come, and often the roads are very hard to travel, but in spite of all the drawbacks we bespeak the earnest co-operation of the parents in that section of the town that the next year may present a better record.

When looking into this matter of marking, it has been found that there is a diversity of method. Some teachers take into consideration the difference in time-pieces, when a pupil started from home in ample season to reach school on time by the home clock. Others endeavor to have the school clock just right;

which from experience is often found to be a most difficult matter, and then if the pupil is not present at the appointed time he called tardy. There is also a diversity of opinion in regard to what should be considered time lost from dismissal. With some teachers time taken from school to take music lessons or lessons kindred to school work under another teacher is not to be reckoned as time lost. After carefully allowing for all these differences in marking, we are constrained to believe that much of the loss is entirely unnecessary, as a large part of it comes from a very few pupils.

#### TEACHERS.

We regret to record that this has been a year in which we have suffered the loss of some of our best teachers and under circumstances which have been exceedingly trying to us. We take comfort in the thought that we had teachers which commanded the attention of such cities as Boston and Cambridge, but we do not believe in the methods which they used to call our teachers from us. The circumstances were similar in both cases, the only difference was that one teacher compelled the party seeking her to wait a week longer than the other. To add to the difficulty, these calls came in the midst of the term, and in one case notice of leaving was given on Wednesday night and the teacher left on the following Friday noon, while we had to find a new teacher for the following Monday. This is too short notice. The good of our schools demands that we have ample opportunity to look into the credentials of the teachers who apply for places in our schools. Vacancies coming in the midst of the term are very difficult to fill, as good teachers who are teaching do not like to change without very great inducements, and many who are seeking places are not such as we wish to employ.

It is a well-known fact that a teacher to be sure of a good opening must take the position when it is offered, or run the risk of losing it, as there are so many who stand ready to fill every desirable vacancy, but, for the good of the schools of the State, we contend that the larger places have no moral right to make the poorer towns suffer by constantly preying upon them for teachers whenever they desire them. We know that these teachers who are taken are willing, and often desirous, of finishing the terms which they have begun, and would gladly do so if their decision to leave had not to be made up on the plan of "now or never."

We contend that these richer towns and cities could better afford to keep a larger supply of substitutes to meet every emergency, than that our schools and multitudes of others should suffer from these changes of teachers in the midst of a term.

The teachers whom we have thus lost express no complaint at the treatment they have received at your hands. Taken into our schools with little or no experience, they have been promoted to better schools when vacancies have occurred, they have had salaries raised as their work has risen in value, or they have had equal inducements to go elsewhere, until the end was reached and we could hold them no longer. We are not blind to the fact a teacher might want at some time to teach in some other place than Sharon; what we do deplore is that those who seek our teachers should not be willing to wait until the close of a term, in order to give us full opportunity to replace our teachers with the best that may be found after diligent search.

In filling the vacancy which has just occurred at the West School, we have found it very difficult to get a teacher of proper training and successful experience who was willing to take a school of so many grades, so far from a boarding place. As an inducement to keep a good teacher in these rural schools, where circumstances prevent her from getting board near the school, we most earnestly recommend that an extra allowance be made for transportation, so that whatever the weather the teacher may have no fear about reaching her school in proper condition to teach. This plan is adopted in one of the towns under my supervision, and the sum of two dollars a week extra is given to provide transportation for the teacher.

We are glad to report that with all these sudden changes which have come to us during the past year, in every case we have been able to secure teachers of experience, whose success in other places has warranted us in believing that they would prove valuable teachers in Sharon.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

We wish to speak a little more in detail of the work done in our High School, as our method of combining studies is attracting some attention from those who are trying to do work of a like nature with only one teacher.

There are at present but three classes in the High School,



there being no class to graduate next summer. In the English work the entering class are by themselves, and the next two higher classes are combined, making only two periods for English. The entering class and the next higher combine for the study of Algebra, and the combination can continue in Geometry. The tenth and eleventh grades recite together in Ancient History, and next year they will unite in Virgil and French, while the following year the twelfth grade will have Cicero with the eleventh. The only place in which we have been unable to make a suitable combination is in the first two years in Latin. From the nature of the case those who are just entering cannot combine with a class that has studied a year, but after two years of study we find that it makes little difference which is taken next, Cicero or Virgil, so that one year it is Cicero and the next Virgil and the reverse. By this method we practically reduce the work to two classes, with a few extras, and each day has only seven recitation periods, with time enough to do justice to the subject in hand, which would be impossible with twice as many classes.

Owing to the smallness of the graduating class last June, no exhibition was held in the Town Hall, but in the place of it very interesting and appropriate exercises were held in the school room, to which as many of the friends of the graduates as the room would conveniently accommodate gathered. The graduates were :

Mabel E. Johnson,  
Edith B. Leonard.

Besides these two graduates, the school has lost during the year eight boys and four girls; and has received five of the six who graduated from the Grammar School. Two of those who left have removed from town, and, so far as we know, the other six have engaged in work at home. We desire very much to retain these pupils, the school needs them and they need the benefits of the school, but doubtless the parents need their services more, or they would not have removed them.

#### MUSIC AND DRAWING.

We are especially gratified to report that these two branches are receiving more attention, the drawing in particular, as this is the first year in which a special teacher has been employed.

Even with the regular teacher skilled in these branches, more

and better work is done when the subjects are carefully laid out and a definite time appointed for their completion, and vastly better is the success of an untrained teacher, who has each day's work planned for her.

Your attention and that of all the citizens of the town is urgently called to the results as found in the schools, and to the reports of the supervisors which follow.

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### REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

There is no occupation in life in which the value of training in drawing may not be felt.

Drawing should be studied for itself, and also in its relation to other studies. It broadens the mind, helps one to perceive beauty, keeps one alive to new impressions, and develops concentration of effort in whatever subject may be at hand.

The study of drawing in the Sharon public schools is doubly interesting on account of the conditions under which we are working. The teachers and pupils have taken hold of the subject with such an enthusiasm and interest that the work goes on easily and smoothly.

The results accomplished during the time that we have taken up this subject in the present manner, from the beginning of the fall term, '96, to its end, are rich in promise. The work which has already been done by the pupils is thoroughly good throughout the town, and, considering the length of time, is excellent.

The teachers themselves have shown a ready understanding of the treatment of the subject, and have also executed very good work at our monthly meetings for the study of drawing.

GRACE E. SOUTHWORTH,  
*Supervisor.*

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### REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

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*To the Superintendent:*

DEAR SIR,—Except that gradual advancement in the study of music, which we hope has been made by each class in the public schools, there is very little to report. The only changes of note have been the dividing of the High and Grammar schools

into separate classes, and the use of a new book in the High School, called "The School Singer."

It is undeniably true that the teachers are somewhat handicapped by having so many grades in a room; and, as I go from one to another, I can but contrast results obtained in Sharon schools with those reached in other schools under my supervision, which are more perfectly graded. In the latter the course in music is systematically laid out for each year of school life, to the end that the fifth grade has become familiar with the transpositions of the scale and takes up three part singing with comparative ease. Although the work in music in the schools in Sharon has been quite as faithful and conscientious as in these others, the condensation of the course which has been necessary, in order to best meet the needs of the different classes, has been more or less difficult to the teachers, and we have sometimes been confronted with their inability to grasp it thoroughly enough to reach the most satisfactory results. Heretofore, the various stumbling blocks have made themselves most apparent in the preparation of the intermediate classes for upper grade work; but I am glad to report improvement in these classes, and under their present instructress I hope for much.

No teacher can succeed to whom music teaching is a "bug-bear." One system of music leads the child by natural and easy steps, from the simple to the more complicated, and to the thoughtful and progressive teacher its manner of leading from the known to the unknown, properly imparted, must lead to the greatest pleasure a teacher feels—successful and well commended work.

And, as my experience broadens, I cannot fail to realize that those teachers who attain it so correlate music with the other branches which they are called upon to teach, as to promote the highest possibilities in the pupil, so that he may best enjoy life and be of the greatest service in the world where he is placed.

The schools are visited every two weeks by the Supervisor, whose programme of visits is as follows:

1ST WEDNESDAY.

East, 9.00-9.30  
Primary, 10.00-10.30  
High, 10.30-11.00  
Grammar, 11.00-11.30  
Intermediate, 11.30-12.00  
South, 1.30-2.00

2ND WEDNESDAY.

Primary, 9.00-9.30  
Intermediate, 9.30-10.00  
Grammar, 10.00-10.30  
High, 10.30-11.00  
North, 11.30-12.00  
West, 1.30-2.00

ELIZABETH M. COOK, *Supervisor of Music.*

## IN CONCLUSION:

We wish to say that while our schools are not above criticism, and honest criticism is always a spur to better things, the spirit of our teachers has been to do their very best and of our pupils to get the most which could be gained from the opportunities so bountifully provided. Superintendent and teachers wish to express to you their thanks for the abundant material which has been provided in order to do the best work, and for your un-failing interest in everything which has been presented as helpful to the progress of the schools.

In this report we have not failed to speak of our hindrances as well as to mention the good things which the past year has brought. We trust that the coming year may see fewer hindrances, and constant advance in every line which shall fit these boys and girls for greater usefulness in all the future.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. FITTS,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

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 ROLL OF HONOR.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR :

Velina Myrick,  
Minnie Poole,  
George Harwood,  
William Poole.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS :

Charles Poole,	Roland Delano,	Roy O'Neil,
Alice Seaver,	Walter Seaver,	Velma Maxwell, E.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR ONE TERM :

Arthur Long,	Kittie Fernberg,	Edith Leonard,
Marelyn Boyden,	Emma Holbrook,	Rodney Monk,
Herbert Capen,	Frank Hamman,	Edward Delaney,
Bessie O'Neil,	Sadie McMillen	Presby Colburn,
Ethel Seaver,	Grace Hixson,	Carrie Glover,
Mabel Johnson,	Eva Cooke,	Charles Holmes,
Rufus Somerby,	Clarence Long,	Maud Bryant,
Marion Hixson,	Marion Tucker	Clifford Derry,
Alford Whittemore,	Amos McNutt,	Annie Richardson, N.
May Burkett, E.,	Katherine Sheehan, E.	

NOTE. E. stands for East school, N. for North School. All others are from the Center.

*To the School Committee of the Town of Sharon:*

In making my report as Truant Officer I have only to say, that during the year three cases of truancy have been reported to me by one of the teachers, which were attended to and remedied without any trouble.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. CURTIS.

SHARON, January 25, 1897.

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SALARY, FUEL AND CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Jan. 1, 1896, Balance brought from 1895,	\$1,462 36	
Appropriation of March 2,	3,600 00	
Rebate from State, (School District)	100 00	
Income from State Fund,	235 35	
Sharon Friends School Fund,	141 66	
Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,692 31
Expenditures as by detailed statement below,		4,254 38

Balance,		\$1,437 93
Paid Gracia E. Read, Salary,	\$720 00	
H. S. Freeman, "	80 00	
Irene E. Hathaway, "	510 00	
Edith M. Maxwell, "	120 00	
Elizabeth R. Hanlon, "	170 00	
Florence Deane, "	330 00	
Aimee J. Howard, "	320 00	
Mary A. Leary, "	320 00	
M. W. Benjamin, "	192 00	
H. Alberta Felt, "	280 00	
Bessie M. Getchell, "	230 00	
E. M. Cook, "	49 50	
Myrtle E. Frost, "	128 00	
G. E. Southworth, "	36 00	
P. A. Dunakin, "	250 08	
" " washing floors, Windows, etc., to Center,	29 10	



Paid Eliza J. Edwards, janitor, etc., North,	23 00	
Willie Dorr, " West,	30 00	
C. C. Geissler, janitor, East,	48 00	
Murie A. Currier, janitor, South,	6 00	
P. White, " "	7 20	
D. W. Pettee, wood.	10 00	
Pettee & Colburn, "	4 50	
C. E. Howard, "	78 37	
A. O. Williams, sawing wood,	1 50	
Staples Coal Co.,	183 94	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Corp., freight,	35 62	
H. F. Leonard, carting coal,	26 87	
Town of Easton, tuition of Sharon pupils,	20 00	
J. J. Jorgensen, work at South,	3 00	
A. J. Howard, cash paid for work at South,	10 20	
Mrs. P. Fernberg, work at West,	6 00	
Mrs. Downey, " East.	5 00	
E. A. Baker, cash paid for work at Center,	50	
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#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Jan. 1, 1896, Balance brought from 1895,	\$33 00	
Appropriation of March 2,	180 00	
Rebate from State, (School District)	150 00	
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Paid E. P. Fitts, salary,		330 00
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Balance,		\$33 00

#### TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Jan. 1, 1896, Balance brought from 1895,	\$63 25	
Appropriation of March 2,	450 00	
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Expenditures as by detailed statement below,		318 08
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Balance,		\$195 17



Paid University Publishing Co., books,	\$ 2 74	
Boston School Supply Co., "	68	
William Ware & Co., "	2 30	
American Book Co., "	37 67	
Thompson, Brown & Co., "	15 63	
Prang Educational Co., supplies,	51 63	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	6 64	
Ginn & Co., "	72 86	
L. E. Knott & Co., supplies,	12 88	
Perry, Mason & Co., books,	2 24	
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,	23 41	
J. L. Hammett & Co., books and supplies,	58 30	
For Encyclopedia,	4 54	
E. A. Baker, cash paid for supplies,	1 55	
Lee & Shepard, book,	1 00	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	1 60	
C. S. Curtis, supplies,	8 00	
Earle & Prew's express,	7 20	
A. Flanigan,	3 04	
D. C. Heath,	4 17	
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		\$318 08

#### REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

Jan. 1, 1896, Balance from Dec. 31, 1895,	\$67 14	
Appropriation of March 2,	400 00	
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		\$467 14
Expenditures as by statement below,		399 90
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Balance,		\$67 24
Paid C. E. Hall, repairs at Center,	\$ 2 81	
C. F. Bryant, sundries for West,	29	
J. K. Christopher, repairs at Center,		
East, West and South,	29 05	
Salary of Secretary,	25 00	
D. W. Pettee, sundries,	15 44	
Barstow Stove Co., repairs at Center,	10 20	
P. A. Dunakin, repairs, etc.,	5 13	
W. D. Glover, repairs at West,	4 25	
Twitchell & Hight,	10 90	
A. W. Hastings, outside windows,	16 70	

Paid Mrs. C. A. Willet, water for West,	5 00	
C. S. Curtis, repairing flag staff, Center,	1 00	
S. Poole, cash paid for express, post- age, etc.,	8 53	
H. D. Earle, painting Center,	96 00	
“ “ “ “ inside,	25 50	
O. D. Case & Co., new blackboards,	22 77	
Pettee & Colburn, sundries,	9 55	
F. H. Dean, repairing blackboards,	27 40	
Marston Sign Co., (figures 1892)	4 00	
Geo. E. Perry & Co., new desks,	15 20	
Saml. Paul, lumber,	12 13	
Kinsley Iron and Machine Co.,	10 96	
Thorp & Martin Co., labels,	2 00	
H. F. Leonard, freight and cartage,	3 00	
Geo. H. Tucker, repairs at North, West and Center,	27 72	
J. H. Urry, repairs at Center,	6 00	
W. R. Snow, work “	3 37	
	<hr/>	\$399 09

